

Careers Café...

In this section of the newsletter, we bring students, parents and carers information on careers and the world of work.

Year 11 College & Apprenticeship Taster Day

Our Year 11 College and Apprenticeship Taster Day took place on Thursday 15th January, offering students a valuable insight into the range of post-16 pathways available to them. The day included guest-speaker workshops, in-school activities to support future planning, and a half-day visit to Plumpton College, where students explored the campus, its specialist facilities, and a variety of courses in action.

We received excellent feedback from our visitors. Eppie Silverman Leggatt, who delivered workshops throughout the day, praised the exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm of our students, noting “stand-out examples of incredible teamwork, engagement and communication.” She also reported that students overwhelmingly found the day useful, engaging, and highly beneficial as they consider their next steps.

Carl Jackson, who led sessions on apprenticeships and effective applications, commented on the positive atmosphere within the school, despite the wet and grey weather outside. He highlighted the “penny-drop moments” as students recognised their transferable skills and began connecting their everyday experiences with the qualities employers value.

We are delighted that the day was so impactful, and we are extremely proud of how well Year 11 represented the school.

More information about Plumpton College can be found here:

<https://www.plumpton.ac.uk/16-courses/>



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Steve Willis Gas, Heating and Renewables Workshop

Year 10 students recently took part in two fantastic hands-on workshops led by Steve Willis Training Centres, giving them an exciting introduction to careers in gas, heating, plumbing and renewable technologies.

Throughout the sessions, students worked collaboratively to complete practical challenges, demonstrating excellent teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. They also took part in a short careers presentation, providing up-to-date labour market information about roles in the industry, apprenticeship pathways, and opportunities to ask questions.

Student feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Annie and Poppy said:

“It was a brilliant session. My hands hurt from cutting the pipes, but we learnt loads! It was great hands-on work.”

Students who want to explore training options in gas, electrical, plumbing, oil or renewables can visit the Steve Willis Training Centres website. The site provides details on short courses, apprenticeships, and entry pathways, as well as their training centres in Burgess Hill and Portchester.

Visit: <https://stevewillis.com/>

