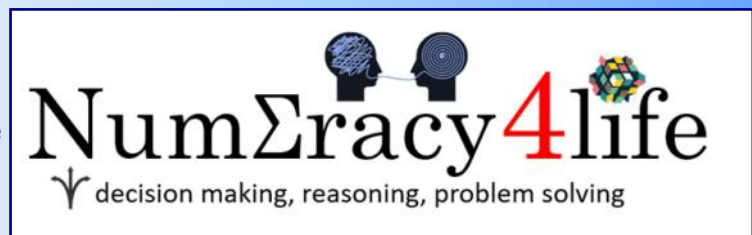# Careers Café...

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

Monthly Key Skills Focus

Each month this year, we will focus on a different employability skill. These are the skills that you need for the world of work – and they are pretty important for life as well! By developing employability skills, you will improve your chances of getting a job and thriving in your career. There are lots of different ways to develop them – including in lessons or extracurricular activities at school, in a Saturday or holiday job, doing projects in your own time or work experience.

This Month's Skill: Numeracy

The ability to understand and work with numbers is important in virtually any job. We use maths every day to understand facts and figures, make decisions, and solve problems.

You don't just use your numeracy skills in maths and science. Subjects like art and design and IT are all about solving problems and making plans based on the information you have at your disposal.

Do you have a part-time job in a shop? Or get pocket money? If the answer's yes, you almost certainly use your numeracy skills to tot up the amounts, or put cash aside in your savings.

Crawley Virtual STEMfest

Crawley Virtual STEMfest ran from 12th to 21st November. Students were able to access a virtual careers fair, watch videos of employees describing their skills and work and participate in a range of activities, both in form time and in lessons.

These activities supported our students in their learning of CEIAG (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) and towards the school's progress on meeting the Gatsby Benchmarks.

For more information, activities and resources, go to https://thestemhub.org.uk/crawleyfest/

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Thales Half Term Virtual Events

Students were able to apply to participate in Thales' virtual STEM outreach events over the October half-term. A number of Hazelwick students participated in the Insight Days. This event allowed students to meet some of the current Ambassadors and to find out about the different types of careers available within STEM.

"I attended the Thales virtual event it was very insightful; they informed us about their company as a whole and the opportunities available for us. They mentioned how they have a wide array of schemes including, apprenticeships, post graduate courses, internships, and work experience. We were told what we would learn in these opportunities and how it would be beneficial for us in the long run career-wise. We were also informed on the application processes for each of the schemes and the requirements needed. Overall, I would say it was really enlightening and would highly recommend it to my peers. "

What Next Sussex? Updated Resources

What Next Sussex provides an exciting opportunity for learners in Year 11 to hear from educational institutions, training providers and employers from across Brighton & Hove, West Sussex, East Sussex and the border of Kent to help them make an informed choice on what and where to study or train at the end of Year 11. The live event helped learners to explore what options are open to them for their next steps and it provided information on further study at higher education and entering the world of work. The event was recorded and there are also videos from many providers and employers available. https://learnliveuk.com/partner/east-sussex-local-enterprise-partnership/

You can search the directory to find information about all of the various places you can study across East Sussex, Brighton & Hove and West Sussex and the qualifications they offer. You can also find apprenticeship and traineeship information, as well as video guides to help you along your way.
https://www.getcareerconfident.co.uk/what-next-sussex-2/what-next-sussex-directory

NHS Work Experience Opportunities

Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust are working with neighbouring NHS organisations to provide virtual work experience opportunities and these will be promoted via their website. Full programme information and a link to the application platform will be available on the SASH website. Please follow this link to access the web page: www.surreyandussex.nhs.uk/working-for-us/work-experience

Places are limited and we anticipate a high demand so we recommend that students submit applications as early as possible.

The programme and the application process shall be managed by a company called Springpod and we respectfully ask that all enquiries regarding applications should be addressed through them using the links provided.

SASH are also coordinating a virtual NHS careers fair which will take place in the early evening of 22nd April 2021. Further information regarding this exciting event will be circulated in due course.

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Careers in Tech

In 2019 the role of software developer was one of the top 5 sought after roles across UK cities, amongst key worker roles such as Nurses and Social care workers. This shows the importance technology plays in the UK economy. Digital tech skills and roles are becoming increasingly critical to businesses across UK sectors, as well as multiplying with the growth of the tech sector.

Some information:

- Advertised roles in the digital tech sector have grown 36% since June
- Sector advertised over 90,000 jobs per week in August 2020
- Tech employs more than a fifth of workforce in UK's biggest cities
- UK tech employs 2.93m people, with 40% growth in two years
- Median digital tech sector salary increased by 4% from 2018 to 2019
- Digital tech now accounts for 9% of UK workforce
- Bristol has seen highest salary increase across digital tech roles in 2019 from £35,520 to
- The demand for Cloud computing has grown by 22% from 2018 to 2019
- London is still a salary sweet spot for digital tech workers, with the median salary across all digital tech roles at £55K
- Software developer is the most in demand role sought by employers and makes up 6% of all advertised digital tech roles

For more information

https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-categories/computing-technology-and-digital

https://technation.io/jobs-and-skills-report/#key-statistics

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