



# Careers Café...

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

## Virtual Careers Interviews – latest news

In the run up to half term, we are planning to have offered every Year 11 student a careers interview. Once these are completed, we will be moving on to Year 10 students. Some Year 10's may be invited earlier, as times may be available during the Year 11 assessment period. Students are reminded to watch out for their invitation.

During the careers interview, our careers advisors from the Education Development Trust meet with students via Zoom. The meetings take place in the Careers Office (near rooms 81 and 82). Students log onto the PC and access the meeting by clicking on the Zoom link that is emailed to them. During the 30 minute careers meeting, students explore their career aspirations and discover the steps that they need to take to achieve their study and career goals. A careers action plan is completed during the meeting and emailed to the student within one week of the meeting taking place.

Please contact your Head of Year Team, or Mrs Frost ([lfrost@hazelwick.org.uk](mailto:lfrost@hazelwick.org.uk)) if you would like to request an appointment.



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## 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: Organisation

Being organised is a great life skill in general but particularly useful in the workplace. In a lot of jobs, you will be responsible for managing your own workload, which means being organised so that you meet deadlines. The key to having good organisational skills is to have processes in place. In every job, there are always certain tasks that you will need to do over and over again and having an effective process in place can help you get things done quicker and more effectively. You can demonstrate your organisational skills to an employer by drawing on your experiences of studying for exams.



## Virtual Careers Events – reminder

Companies and organisations are really embracing new ways of engaging with young people and many more are offering virtual careers events such as virtual work experience, webinars, and Q&A sessions. Many students are successfully developing their knowledge of future careers and building their networks through participating in these.



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A first step can be to start following the social media early career pages of companies and organisations you are interested in. When school learns of opportunities, we are posting these on the Satchelone careers noticeboard. Remember to watch out for these notices and you might just find your perfect opportunity! Do let us know if you participate in something that you find particularly helpful. Good luck!

## Girl Security Event

Over the Easter Holidays, I participated in a two day symposium on national security run by Girl Security (an American company who aim to empower girls and help them with their careers in national and international security). Over the two days, there were talks run by current professionals in the field, Q and A sessions with key figures in national security and interactive exercises in areas like emerging technology and open source intelligence. The second day finished with a "red-team" exercise; we were given ten minutes to create a plan to attack the government in order to gain access to the Prime Minister's personal data. We were then given another ten minutes to plan a counter attack to our original idea. This gave me a real insight to the complexities of the threats to national security and the importance of building up our own defences to avoid attacks on national intelligence. I also attended a late night talk on AI (artificial intelligence) and Ethics run by Girl Security. It was an awesome experience and a great opportunity to share my views and hear others. These experiences have really helped me learn about the security industry and open my eyes to how broad a subject national security actually is. I can't wait for the next event Girl Security offers, even if it does mean staying up to the early hours of the morning to deal with the five hour time difference!

For further information go to <https://www.girlsecurity.org/>

By Amy Hill, Year 12



## The Cyber Security Sector

The Cyber Security Sector is one which is growing fast with a nine per cent rise in employment and 3,800 new full-time jobs created between April 19th and December 20th. Also, for this period there was a 21 per cent increase in firms operating in the field bringing the total number to 1,483 and the number of people working in it to 46,683.

21 per cent of cyber companies are located in the South East in 309 registered businesses. Southampton, Reading, Portsmouth and Brighton are among the key cities in the region with employers such as Sophos, Carbon Black, Fortinet and FireEye.

On the next page is a graph depicting companies with the most vacancies for Cyber Security Professionals in the six months to January 2021.

It is worth noticing that Thales, who have offices locally, appear on this list.



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Source: Labour Insight (Burning Glass)

## Focus on Careers in the Construction Industry

Construction is all around us! Whether you live in a quiet village or a busy town, there is a construction project nearby. Look around next time you are out on your travels, see how many you can spot. We humans are genetically programmed to constantly improve things around us. We want them to be better, prettier, more efficient, and more environmentally friendly.

There are so many large scale projects happening right now, even in the pandemic world – HS2, Sellafield, Crossrail, Hinkley Point, Tideway, Lower Thames Crossing and thousands more smaller sites that are equally as important to our lives: roads are being repaired and improved; motorways are being upgraded to allow more cars and improve traffic flow; new residential estates and shopping centres are being built; hospitals and schools are expanding.

If you are creative and good with tools there are several technical roles available - you could become a carpenter, bricklayer, electrician, plumber, plant operator, digital engineer, IT lead, draught person or design engineer. If you are passionate about the environment – maybe ecology or environmental roles would be your perfect role! If you are good at motivating people and getting the best out of your team – you could consider supervisory or managerial positions. If you enjoy working on spreadsheets and like numbers, then accounting or quantity surveyor roles might be a good fit. Or as a school leaver, you could help support the entire team by fulfilling an administrative role, helping various departments meet their objectives before progressing onto a fully qualified position.

A good starting point for those interested in the sector is the [GoConstruct](#) website. The [Career Explorer tool](#) on here lets students find roles suited to them based on skills, interests and qualification levels.

Mrs Andrews

