Careers Café...

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

Green Careers Week (7th – 12th November 2022)



All form groups marked the inaugural Green Careers Week (GCW) with form time activities. This included a Powerpoint, video, quiz, and discussion opportunities. GCW was a fantastic opportunity to discover careers, jobs, roles, and pathways that are green and develop green skills.

- A green career can be any job, role or occupation that contributes to preserving or restoring the environment and our planet.
- It can be any industry, not just those seen as 'green.' Green careers are a fast-growing global employment sector that touches every company, employer, employee, and education establishment.
- Green careers reach into every aspect of our lives and offer young people an exciting array of
 opportunities.
- Green skills are abilities, attributes, values, attitudes, knowledge, and technical skills needed to adapt services, processes, and procedures to support climate change.

Here are three green careers areas that you might not have thought of:



Green Design

Building recycled or sustainable products, elements or processes into everyday manufacturing techniques and products – including clothes, buildings and technological products.

Urban Agriculture

Using technology to harness the power of vertical farming and growing crops in small patches of urban land.





Wave Power Engineer

Harnessing the power of sea movement to create energy. As an island, the UK has plenty of places where this could be applied.



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For further information, explore the pages at this <u>link</u> and see how the companies that supported GCW, and many more, are raising awareness of green careers through case studies, webinars, videos, events, and employment information.



Dare to Dream

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In November, all Year 9 students attended the launch session of the Dare to Dream programme. Hazelwick students have been involved with Dare to Dream for several years and we are pleased that the current Year 9 cohort also have this opportunity.

Dare to Dream is an inspirational programme challenging young people to change the way they think. Working with local influencers and businesses, they work with schools, youth clubs, colleges, and universities to give young people the confidence they need to fulfil their potential.

Using themes of self-awareness, mindset, gratitude, resilience, teamwork and employability, speakers and business mentors use their own experiences and extensive knowledge to drive and motivate students. The aim is to promote and reinforce core themes that are central to wellbeing, employability, and a positive future.





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Satchel:one Careers Noticeboard – Reminder

As school is made aware of career exploration opportunities, webinars, work experience etc. that take place outside of school hours we post these on the Satchel:one noticeboard. Please do take the time to read these if they are of interest to you.

Employability Skills Focus: What is organisation and why is it important?

It seems like a suitable time to revisit the employability skill of organisation. Students in Year 11 and Year 13 are preparing for their mock exams, whilst those in other year groups are making the best use of their curriculum time in this busy term ahead of the Christmas break.

Strong organisational skills are demonstrated by planning your time and your workload effectively. Meeting deadlines will show potential employers that you are good at organisation, which is vital to do well in your career.

From time management to prioritising tasks – and even having a tidy desk – being organised will help you improve your employability and your life. An organised person will know what they need to do and when, where their pen is, and if it is their turn to bring biscuits into the office. They make lists, have a calendar or diary, and can manage themselves in all areas of life and work.

As well as ensuring you don't forget your lunch or turn up late to an important meeting, organisation will make you look more professional and help you get your job done more effectively. Employers really value strong organisational skills, as they know you will be efficient and do the work on time. Being organised also shows how much you care about your job; arriving every day, being on time, and remembering everything you need is important.

There are a lot of ways to develop your organisational skills; from keeping a calendar and writing all your appointments in it, to making lists of what you need to get done each day and giving yourself a time to do each task. Try to give yourself a goal or a few goals for the week, then break them down into smaller steps to do each day. Tick them off as you go, and by the end of the week you will be closer to your goals even if you haven't completed them.

There are a lot of websites, apps, and books about organisation and productivity, so it is easy to do some research yourself and find some ideas that work for you.

It is fine to say that you are 'organised and able to manage yourself,' but employers want you to prove it. Think of some concrete examples of your organising in action; if you juggle a part-time job with your exams, playing football and learning a language you have great evidence of how organised you are. Showing you can manage the pressure when things get hectic is really important and will put you head and shoulders above other candidates who do not.

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