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Work Experience

Future Choices Careers Fair

The last installment for the year 2021/22.....

<p style="text-align: center;">Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	<p>Year 10 and Year 12 students completed a week of work experience during the first two weeks of July. These experiences enabled students to see a workplace first hand and build confidence, whilst also providing valuable experience to add to their CV. The number of employers who supported our students was incredible! To find out more, a write up is included at the end of this newsletter.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>UCAS Exhibition</i></p> <h1 style="text-align: center;">UCAS</h1> <p>At <u>the</u> heart of connecting people to higher education</p>	<p>Year 12 visited the Exhibition Centre in Liverpool for the UCAS Exhibition on the 28th June, with live application clinics, student talks and Q&A's, expert advice on choosing the right course, and the chance to meet universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers face-to-face.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Edge Hill University Visit</i></p>  <h2 style="text-align: center;">Edge Hill University</h2>	<p>Year 12 visited Edge Hill University on the 5th July, experiencing what a university campus is like, learning more about writing a personal statement, and completing subject taster sessions, all in preparation for applying for university.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Visit to Liverpool John Moores University</i></p>  <h2 style="text-align: center;">LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY</h2>	<p>A small group of Year 10 students visited Liverpool John Moores University on the 1st July, experiencing what it is like to learn on a university campus, and discovering more about higher education and degree level study.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Future Choices Fair</i></p> 	<p>Weatherhead held our annual Future Choices careers fair on the 12th July for Year 7,8,9 and 10 students. Employers, apprenticeship providers, universities and further education providers were all represented, with the aim of showing students the different routes available to them both post 16 and post 18. To find out more, a write up is included at the end of this newsletter.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>BSL Sign Language Taster Session</i></p>	<p>We had the privilege of welcoming an employer called Sign Solutions into Weatherhead to deliver taster sessions in British Sign Language to some of our Year 9 students. The aim was to raise awareness of BSL and inspire the next generation of sign language</p>

New Enterprise Coordinator
- Laura Grigsby -

Charlotte Lawrence has now moved into a new role at The Growth Platform in the Liverpool City Region Careers Hub, so we welcome Laura Grigsby from Elevate EBP as our new Enterprise Coordinator, who will work with us to ensure high quality careers provision.

We say goodbye to our Careers Manager, Miss Smith



Miss Smith says goodbye after 9 years at Weatherhead. *"I have loved my time at Weatherhead, and have had the privilege of working with so many students to ensure that they receive high quality careers education, information, advice and guidance and progress into successful further/higher education or employment."* Weatherhead will continue to offer high quality careers provision via Mploy, through our appointed Careers Adviser Mr Ridgway.

Parents and carers exam results support

If you are the parent/carer of a child who is expecting their exam results in August then can register for 'Exam Results 101' online event by clicking on the link below. The event aims to equip parents and carers with advice to support their children with:

- tips on how to prepare for results day
- advice about choices and exploring careers
- signposting to useful sources
- an opportunity for Q&A

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/exam-results-101-what-you-need-to-know-as-parents-and-carers-tickets-342681428377?aff=TeacherBulletin?utm_source=28%20June%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Mr Ridgway will also be available to speak to at Weatherhead for both Year 11 and Year 13 students on results days.

Work Experience 2022

This year Weatherhead worked in conjunction with Mploy to provide a week of work experience for both Year 10 and Year 12 students. This was our first year of rolling out work experience week to our Year 12 students, helping Weatherhead to meet Gatsby Benchmark 6 'Experiences of Workplaces' in order for students to receive two meaningful experiences of a workplace before the age of 18. The support from our employer links has been amazing with many students demonstrating their initiative by sourcing placements

themselves, as well as MPloy and Weatherhead providing a bank of employers for students. Experiences of workplaces give students the opportunity to develop essential skills to become work ready once they leave education. See a snapshot below of the variety of workplaces attended and some wonderful comments from both students and employers on their experiences:

Workplace: Madison Picture and Film Ltd (specialising in wedding photography)

Employer comment: “ ‘X’ has learnt a lot about cameras in full manual which is really challenging. She helped with a wedding shoot and I have invited her back at the end of the month to help with a style shoot and an engagement shoot.”

Workplace: Dental Hygiene Studio

Employer comment: “Polite, speaks to patients, managed instruments. Cannot praise ‘X’ enough.”

Student comment: “Staff have been supportive and nice and I have really valued my experience here.”

Workplace: World of Exotics

Employer comment: “ ‘X’ has been excellent in everything she has done. We would have her back anytime.”

Student comment: “I’ve enjoyed the week and learnt how to care daily for reptiles and look after a shop.”

Workplace: Hi Impact Consultancy

Employer comment: “ ‘X’ is a very personable student and has fitted into the creative services department well. ‘X’ has completed each project given to her and is enjoying it... ‘X’ should be proud of her performance with us!”

Student comment: “Absolutely loved it! Loved learning new skills and working on different projects. I would love to gain further experience with this consultancy in the future.”

Future Choices Careers Fair 2022

This annual careers event gives students the opportunity to speak directly to employers and educational institutions (both further and higher education) to expose them to possible educational and career options post 16 and post 18. Students were given task sheets to complete during the event to find out more about qualification or training routes required for certain organisations, types of job roles, and job growth/availability within the particular industries represented. The aim of this exercise was to enable students to feel more knowledgeable about the range of options available to them and gain an awareness of where to look for information, as well as understanding more about the skills required to enter certain professions/education courses. Events such as these help Weatherhead to

meet Gatsby Benchmarks 5 and 7 'Encounters with Employers and Employees' and 'Encounters with Further and Higher Education'. Some of the guests who attended were former Weatherhead students. This gave students more meaningful encounters as they could speak to someone who had been in their very position. See below the variety of guests who attended and some feedback from both students and employers:

Employers: Magenta Living (Housing), Royal Navy (Forces), Arqiva (Broadcasting/Communications), Newly qualified teacher and former performer on cruise ships (alumni), Merseyside Police, NHS Speech and Language, Sign Solutions, The Open Door Charity.

Further and Higher Education: Wirral Met College, LLS (Sport Sixth Form), Chester University, Edge Hill University, Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts.

Feedback from students based on questions surrounding their knowledge of the range of options available to them, awareness of where to look for courses/apprenticeships information, and the skills required for certain jobs/courses:

Year 7 student - *"Yes, I know what I want and have to do to pursue a career...different colleges and universities...certain degrees and opportunities..."*

Year 8 student - *"Yes, I know more about choices after school...you can get help for apprenticeships from Wirral Met...for speech and language therapy you need A-Levels and 3 years uni..."*

Year 9 student - *"Yes, I understand more about what I need to do to go into certain jobs...I know I can go into NHS website to understand jobs...required GCSE's and degrees..."*

Feedback from employers based on the overall set up and what they enjoyed the most:

"Good set-up with clear areas for students to know who is who."

"Getting to know more about students and aspirations."

"Promoting the career I do and introducing others to it."

"Students were all very polite - event seemed well organised."



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Alternatively, you can visit the Careers Section of the school website
<https://weatherheadhigh.co.uk/enrichment/careers/>

