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Careers Newsletter

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British Science Week

Science week this year took place from 13th - 17th March. During the week, students enjoyed a wide range of exciting activities. Each year group attended an assembly presented by our STEM Co-Ordinator Mr Matthews-Wright which highlighted the benefits of studying STEM subjects and gave examples of how science links to different jobs. In lessons, students were introduced to a range of interesting careers in the NHS through Medical Mavericks – a company dedicated to inspiring the next generation of medics and Scientists. During the sessions, students were shown real life medical tests using specialist equipment, participated in their own medical experiments and had the opportunity to test out stethoscopes, reflex hammers & eye torches.

In February Mrs Perry, Head of Science, delivered an assembly to students as part of International Day of Women and Girls in Science. The assembly celebrated the contributions that women have made to Science as well as showcasing the successful journeys of former Weatherhead students into STEM careers. This was a highly inspiring assembly and raised awareness to students about equal access and participation in STEM subjects for women and girls.



International Women's Day – A visit from Merseyside Police

International Women's day fell on Wednesday 8th March this year which also formed part of Careers Week. What better way to celebrate these two important events, than to invite female officers from Merseyside Police to talk about, and promote, women in policing.

Superintendent Rachel Wilson and a team of 10 police officers joined Year 10 for their assembly to talk about their own career paths into the police and the importance of recruiting more female police officers into the force.

Following the assembly, groups of students visited Crime Scene Investigators where they had the opportunity to take fingerprints, dress up as crime scene investigators and compare footprints.

Students also heard from MATRIX Police officers and they got the chance to explore the specialist equipment used. We were also lucky enough to be joined by three police dogs and their handlers and students had the opportunity to see the dogs at work.

A big thank you to our Safer School's Police Officer Emma Hodgson for working closely with the policing teams to ensure this event was a success. The students (and staff) absolutely loved it!



National Careers Week 2023

In March we celebrated the biggest event in the careers calendar.... National Careers Week! This is a week-long celebration designed to help young people develop awareness and excitement about their future pathways.

Students had talks and assemblies delivered by a host of guest speakers from businesses such as:

- The Home Office – Asylum and Immigration
- Merseyside Police
- Nautilus International – Careers at Sea
- Liverpool Museum
- Chester University – Chemical Engineering
- Leadership Through Sports and Business
- NHS
- Arqiva Telecommunications



Each day there were pop-up stands at lunchtime where students could go and along and ask questions to find out more about careers within that sector.

We were also lucky enough to be joined by alumni student, Sophie McKibben. Sophie spoke to students about her career path and her current role as a lawyer for Warner Bros. It was great to welcome Sophie back to Weatherhead and hear about her successful career path, she really was a truly inspiring role model for our students.

In form time during NCW there was a focus on roles within the growth sectors – to find out more about the growth sectors and where the jobs will be in the Liverpool City Region over the next 20 years, please visit <https://www.liverpoollep.org/growth-sectors/>

If you are interested in coming into school to talk about your career path please contact the careers department via email careers@weatherheadhigh.co.uk – we'd love to hear from you!



UPCOMING REMINDERS

Y10 Learning Performance Day
17th April

Year 12 Future Pathways Week
26th June – 30th June

Year 10 Work Experience
3rd July – 7th July

Year 12 Work Experience
10th July – 14th July

Year 10 & 12 Work Experience

Thank you to the vast majority of students who have completed their self-placement forms. We are delighted to see that students are off to complete placements at a range of exciting businesses across the Wirral and further afield. If your child has not handed their form in, please encourage them to hand it into the Careers Team in A024 as soon as possible. There is a copy of the self-placement form on the website:

<https://weatherheadhigh.co.uk/enrichment/work-experience/>



Student Career Ambassadors

In February, Mrs Walshaw met with our newly appointed team of Student Career Ambassadors. The selected students met for the first time to discuss their vision for the careers provision at Weatherhead.

“It was wonderful to meet such an enthusiastic group of young people who came up with some great ideas for events. I am looking forward to working with our career ambassadors to ensure our Careers Provision at Weatherhead is world class and helps every young person find their next best step.”

Mrs L Walshaw, Careers Lead



Year 11 CV Writing Workshop

On Friday 17th February, Year 11 students participated in a Learning Performance day.

As part of a timetable of events, students attended workshops run by Elevate EBP on CV writing. With the help and expertise from Anita and Tina from Elevate, students were able to build their CV to highlight their skills and key achievements. The event was a real success and students should feel more confident now in continuing to build upon their CV's with a view to sharing these with employers, colleges and universities in the future.

“We found the whole day really well organised and time managed, the girls were a credit to them and got really involved” Tina Baker, Elevate EBP.

ASK Apprenticeship Talk

As part of National Apprenticeship Week (6th February – 12th February) Ellen from ASK Apprenticeships came in to speak to students in Y13 about their options in terms of apprenticeship pathways. Ellen spoke to the students about the different levels of apprenticeships and also signposted to websites for students to look at current apprenticeship vacancies. Please see the link below to the government website to view apprenticeships for your son/daughter in the local area:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



University and College Trips

We have had a number of careers related trips take place this term:

Mrs Walshaw took the Year 12 1 year students to Wirral Met to look around the 12 Quays Campus & get further information on specific courses.

Y11 Vocational Students were joined by Mrs McCoy & Mrs Walshaw on a trip to Wirral Met Conway Park Campus to explore their options post 16.

Mrs Slater & Mrs Walshaw accompanied a group of KS4 students on a trip to Liverpool University where they spoke to Law, Medicine and Biology students, had a tour of the campus and got to view the halls residence.

Important Information for parents/Carers

Please see below for a range of different websites you can use to explore career options with your child:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

<https://uk.indeed.com/>

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



Wishing all of our students and families a happy and healthy Easter!