

PARMITER'S CAREERS

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is the end of another very busy term for the Careers Department at Parmiter's and we want to thank all our parents and carers for both their support with the events we have run and in helping their children to get the most out of the careers-related activities we have held this term.



Universities, Apprenticeships and Next Steps Fair—September

This year we had over 60 institutions representing universities, employers offering apprenticeships and further education colleges. All of our students in Years 10 to 13 attended the event and had the opportunity to speak to the representatives and ask for advice and support to help them make decisions about their next steps.



Careers Fair — November

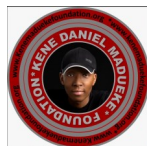
This year, our Fair saw the most diverse and comprehensive representation of career sectors to date. Additionally, professionals in the key sectors of Law, Engineering, Medicine and Healthcare and Creative Careers delivered informative career-focused talks.

Attended by large numbers of both students and parents/carers, once again the students engaged excellently with the professionals, developing their communication skills and benefitting from the opportunity to understand how to network and make connections, which will be useful in the future. We had a large number of parents and alumni giving up their time to represent their career sectors and the students benefitted greatly: their support is invaluable in making these events a success. We would be very grateful for your feedback about the Fair; if you would like to, please fill out this feedback form [here](#)



Year 12 Enterprise Challenge

The **Year 12 Enterprise Teams** have made an excellent start to their fundraising efforts for this year's challenge. Working alongside mentors from the two charities they are supporting this year, this challenge gives Year 12 students a great opportunity to work in teams and develop their business and employability skills whilst organising and running a variety of fundraising events. Raising money for **Charlie's Gift** and the **Kene Daniel Madueke Foundation**, they have already held successful Year 7 and 8 Discos, weekly Hot Chocolate and Christmas Candy Cane sales, and stalls at the school Christmas Fair. Please look out for the events they will be organising in the Spring term, as they would appreciate your support.



Young Reporter Scheme

After the very successful achievements last year, with two category winners in a nationwide competition run in partnership with Newsquest Media Group, we have a large cohort of 26 students taking part in the competition this year!

The articles submitted by our students can be read [here](#)



Preparing for the future

Throughout this term, Year 11 students have been supported in exploring their potential next steps after GCSE in Next Steps meetings with Mrs Zanetti. We work closely with providers of alternative post-16 educational options, to support our students who wish to explore these avenues, and had interactive presentations from the local colleges and Elstree Screen Arts Academy. We also took a number of students to a Subject Taster morning at Oaklands College.

Mrs Zanetti has met with a large number of Sixth Form students to discuss their ideas and plans and support them in finding work experience.

Mrs Zanetti is available to discuss career or educational ideas with students. Students should email J.Zanetti@parmiters.herts.sch.uk to arrange a time or go to the Careers Hub.

Alumni and parents were also key in providing relevant, subject-specific **Mock Interviews** for over 60 of our Year 13 students as they prepared for their university interviews; we are grateful for this ongoing support.

Sixth Form encounters with employers

Every year we aim to provide our students with opportunities to visit work places and interact with employers. This term, we took a group of students to Harefield Hospital to learn about career pathways in healthcare and cardiology. We were also lucky enough to be selected to visit Elstree Studios and the Eastenders set to learn about varied career paths behind the camera, which continued our focus on creative careers.

NEXT TERM EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Year 10 Work Experience Week May 2024

After the successful relaunch of the Year 10 Work Experience Programme in May this year, we will be running it again for a full week in the new year from 13 - 17 May.

The programme has been launched with our Year 10 students and we look forward to supporting them in finding and undertaking work experience to develop key employability skills in a wide variety of career sectors.

If you are able to support a student with a placement at your company, please email Mrs Zanetti (j.zanetti@parmiters.herts.sch.uk), who will be in touch.



Apprenticeship Awareness Evening—16 January 2024

In the Spring term, we will be focusing on Apprenticeships and holding our annual **Apprenticeship Awareness Evening** on **Tuesday 16 January from 7.00pm to 8.30pm** in the main school hall. There will be a presentation, which will give a general overview of apprenticeships at all levels, the application processes and how to support your child/ren if they wish to look into applying for apprenticeships post 16 or 18.

Former students, who are currently undertaking apprenticeships, will be talking about their experiences and local companies who offer apprenticeships will be talking about their apprenticeship pathways. If you would like to attend this event for parents/carers and students in Year 9 upwards, please complete the Google Form [here](#).

Alumni experiences

On the Careers Drive, there are a large number of profiles provided by our former students. Please encourage your child/ren to read or watch them, as their career paths are varied and sometimes unexpected! Students can access them [here](#) (*they will need to login to their school email first*).



This term, students from all year groups have been using Unifrog, the online platform provided for students to help them explore and develop educational and careers-related ideas and learn valuable labour market information. To enable parents and carers to support their child/ren in the use of

Unifrog, a video explaining how Unifrog works and the ways in which students are using it has been provided. Please access the video [here](#)



HERTFORDSHIRE OPPORTUNITIES PORTAL

On the HOP website, students can choose from over 50 employer encounter videos which cover all careers sectors. Click [here](#) for access.



Speakers for Schools continue to offer excellent virtual work experience and insight opportunities with businesses and professionals across all sectors over the holidays and throughout the year. Sign up [here](#).

Would you like to get involved?

As ever, we are really grateful for parental support with our careers programme at Parmiter's; there is a wealth of careers-related experience and knowledge within our school community. If you are in a position to offer a visit to your company, work experience for our students, workshops at school, careers talks or interviews and/or participate in our careers evenings, please sign up [here](#) and Mrs Zanetti will be in touch.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and for your support this term. If you would like to speak to me about anything careers-related, please send an email to J.Zanetti@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

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