



HGS CAREERS NEWS

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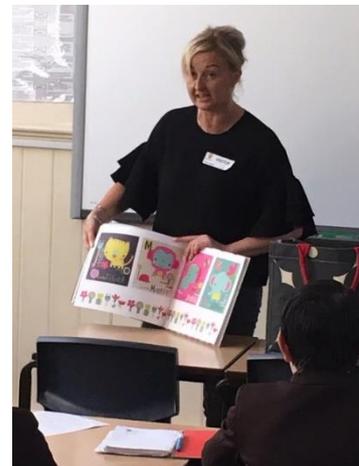
We now have a Careers Twitter page. Follow us @HGSCareers for information about opportunities outside of school and careers events in school.



Highlights of the half term

Year 7 Careers Parents' session

On Tuesday 14th May, 23 parents came into school who had volunteered to talk to our Year 7 students about their career journeys. Parents came from a diverse range of career areas including Finance, IT, Marketing, Health, Engineering, Research and Illustration amongst others. Students were very engaged with the sessions and the parents' feedback was extremely positive about students' attitudes and the welcome they received within the school. Parents commented on how impressive the students were and one stated **'what a credit to the school: polite, respectful and engaged'** The Year 7 Careers



parents' session followed on from an introductory assembly about local labour market information and current industry growth sectors delivered by the Regional Manager from Career Ready, who are a specialist organisation linking employers and schools. The assembly and the parents' careers session were aimed at raising and broadening Year 7's students' aspirations and their awareness of future opportunities.



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Future Careers Academy

On Thursday 16th May Melody Oxby, a Talent Acquisition Specialist from PPG came into school to deliver an employability session to our Year 13 students who are planning to progress into apprenticeships, higher degrees or employment. The session aimed to prepare these students for searching for the right opportunities, completing application forms, creating an effective CV and preparing for job interviews. This was an excellent opportunity for our Year 13 students, who felt that they gained a great deal of relevant employment information and confidence that they will be able to use to progress in their career journeys.

Open days, summer schools, employment opportunities

Below are some examples of opportunities currently available to students, and in addition to following us on Twitter we would encourage students to check their emails regularly for information about opportunities:

Gordons LLP Trainee Solicitor opportunities in Leeds and Bradford are now open to applicants. Deadline 30th June 2019. For more information please visit:

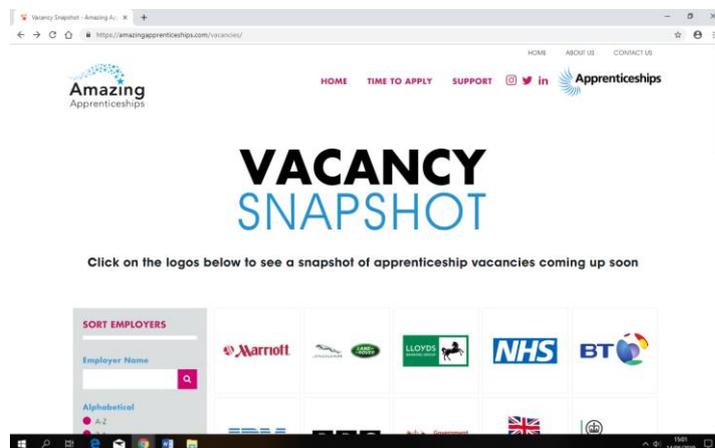
<https://www.gordonsllp.com/careers/trainee-solicitors/>

Tax roles at PwC currently available in Leeds for Year 13 leavers:

<http://www.careersschools.pwc.co.uk/ListJobs/All/Search/all-job-locations/leeds/05-line-of-service/tax/start-season/autumn/>

Amazing Apprenticeships Vacancy Snapshot

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>



Pathways to Property 4 day fully funded residential summer school at the University of Reading 22nd to 25th July 2019 to learn about a career in property. Deadline for applications 31st May. For more information please visit: https://live.henley.ac.uk/page/summer-school-2019?utm_source=email&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=school-mailings-email-19

Year 12 and 13 students interested in Medicine? The University of Leeds will be offering 3 day GP work experience placements and a non-residential summer school opportunity. Applications for both will open Monday 3rd June 2019 for limited time periods

<https://www.wanttobeadoctor.co.uk/copy-of-contact-us>

University taster days in a wide range of areas can be found at:

<https://www.ucas.com/events/exploring-university/learn-about-uni-taster-course> and university open days can be found on universities' own websites and it is also worth looking



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at sites such as www.opendays.com as a large number of university open days take place in June and July.

Upcoming events next half term

Progression Event – As part of Progression Event all year 12 students will have the opportunity to speak to a range of Heckmondwike Grammar School alumni who have completed or who are undertaking apprenticeships. They will be able to talk to around 40 universities at the Progression Fair on Friday 5th July as well as a wide range of apprenticeship providers and employers. Students will also have the opportunity to attend academic workshops in a range of subject areas. All Year 12 students will also be introduced to registering on the UCAS system and they will start preparations for writing a personal statement. All Year 10 students will also be able to access the Progression Fair on Friday 5th July and will be able to speak to a wide range of universities and employers to help to prepare them for their futures.

Year 10 Employer led mock interview sessions Friday 12th July – All Year 10 students will be invited to attend a one to one session with an employer for a mock interview on Friday 12th July to develop their employability skills and to help them to understand employer expectations and prepare them for opportunities beyond school. We also plan to introduce Year 10 students to their Post 16 options after May half term.

Year 12 Career interviews – All Year 12 students have been invited for a one to one careers appointment, and times have been allocated. Most students have now had their appointments but these are ongoing. If any students have missed their appointments and wish to be seen they can call into the careers office any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 12.45 and 1.15pm and speak to a Careers Adviser.

Mock interviews ongoing – All Year 13 students can access careers support for preparation for employment interviews and apprenticeship interviews or for employment searching techniques via making a booked mock interview appointment or using the careers drop in.

Careers drop in for all students – Just to note that all students in school in any year group can access the careers drop in on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 12.45 and 1.15pm in B0.13 to speak to a Careers Adviser about any career ideas or ask any careers related questions and we will be happy to help.

We plan to publish a careers newsletter every half term to keep parents up to date with careers related activity happening across the school and we welcome feedback and parental input into the programme. Our annual careers programme is outlined on our website and we will be developing this further for the academic year 2019/20

<https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/students/student-support/careers/careers-programme/>