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HGS CAREERS NEWSLETTER



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WORK EXPERIENCE 2023

Work experience is returning to HGS next academic year. We are currently sourcing placements so please read the letter sent out by Mr Roberts last week if you think you may be able to offer a placement to a student. You can access it by clicking [here](#)

A LEVEL RESULTS DAY

THURSDAY 18TH AUGUST 2022

The careers team will be available in school on results day to support students with their next steps. We can help with the clearing process and offer impartial support and advice for those who are considering their options, taking a gap year or wanting to find work.

The careers team will also be in school to help our Year 13 leavers on the following dates:

FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST
MONDAY 22ND AUGUST



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GCSE RESULTS DAY

THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST

The careers team will be available in school on results day to support students with their next steps. We can help students who may need advice and support following their results and offer impartial advice on next steps.

The careers team will also be in school to help Year 11 leavers on the following dates:

FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST

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CONTACT THE CAREERS TEAM

You can contact the careers advisers, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Lawler, by emailing careersteachers@heckgrammar.co.uk





Thursday 7th July

Year 12 students spent the first day of the progression conference attending virtual sessions held by a range of guest speakers. Topics covered included an introduction to student finance, how to write a personal statement and career capital. Speakers from Universities held the virtual sessions as well as one of our HGS alumni who now runs her own recruitment business!

Students should now feel confident in writing their personal statements and using UCAS as well as identifying their skills which can be used on university or apprenticeship applications.

Feedback on the event

Feedback from universities and employers has been extremely positive, with many commenting on how engaged students were. Many of the representatives were impressed with how informed students were on their choices and are already eager to return next year!

Student feedback has been equally positive, here are some select quotes from year 12 students.

Friday 8th July

The progression fair was a chance for students in years 10 and 12 to speak to a range of university representatives and employers. Students were able to explore their options for the future as well as ask any questions they had.

Year 10 students were given a task to complete as they explored the fair. This linked to their mock interviews as it asked them to approach employers and universities to figure out what skills they look for in their applicants. I think a favourite stand of the day was Nestle which was manned by one of our HGS alumni and her colleagues.

Year 12 also attended a student life panel, which was made up of HGS alumni, apprentices and university students. They were able to ask questions and receive advice on all things student life.

Following this, they attended subject workshops in the afternoon, held by a range of university academics and other providers which gave them a taster of what it might be like to study a particular subject or start an apprenticeship.

"I really enjoyed the individual course workshops, that covered an in-depth overview of university application, course modules, and much more"

"Talking to different universities helped me to look at some new options I hadn't considered."

"The progression fair gave me a better understanding and more assurance in selecting my choices"

"The Student finance talk explained to me the basics of student finance so that I am now more aware of money managing at university"



All students in year 10 were invited to attend a mock interview with an employer. We worked with Ahead Partnership again this year on this event and welcomed around 25 employers into school to conduct the interviews. The employers represented a wide range of different industries.

Students were asked beforehand to research and prepare a short 2-minute presentation on a job sector of their choice. The independent research conducted was in depth and covered a wide range of sectors from healthcare and engineering to Art and Design. The employers enjoyed hearing these presentations and were very impressed with students' skills in this area.

Following presentations, a formal interview was conducted and employers asked general interview questions. Students received many positive comments throughout the day and have been passed written feedback from their interviewer.

This activity helps to build student confidence, allowing them to practise their interview skills before the real thing.

Feedback on the event



INTERVIEW PRACTICE HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL 12/07/2022

On the 12th of July, volunteers from Barclays, Natwest, O2, Progeny and local universities interviewed year 10 students to start preparing them for the future. All the volunteers commented on how well prepared, articulate and mature the students were and what a pleasure it was to interview them.
Well done year 10!

200 young people took part in this activity with
18 volunteers from **6 local businesses** and employers.

100%
of students developed
skills in representing
themselves

98%
developed
their speaking
and/or
listening
skills

100%
of students said taking part
helped them think about
their goals after school

"It helped me find and
acknowledge my
strengths and
weaknesses. I learnt
that speaking to
people is easier than it
looks."

88%
of students feel more
motivated to work
harder at school

"I now understand how
interviews works and I
can work on my skills for
next time. I am not
worried about interviews
anymore."

98%
of students improved
their self-belief and
confidence

100%
improved their
interview technique

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The next issue of the careers newsletter will be sent out next academic year, we look forward to an exciting year of events and sharing them with you then.
Have a great summer!