

STANTONBURY CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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A word from the Head of Careers

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Wow! What an exciting academic year it has been in the careers department, we have brought in 58 businesses and organisations to work with our students, covering a wide-range of study and training opportunities for all levels of academic ability. This has been made possible by developing the careers team to include Cheryl Hancock, careers adviser and Amy Hewitt, careers administrator and both are now fully embedded into the school and team, working brilliantly alongside me.

Last year's Year 11 leavers achieved zero students 'Not in Employment, Education or Training - NEET category' for the second year running. This is an achievement that the careers team is very proud of and highlights the impact that a stable careers program can have on students.

It would be great to hear from families interested in Careers. Could you or your company provide work experience to a student, or host a small cohort of students at your place of work? Could you mentor a student interested in your job role? Could your company be one of our exhibitors at our Careers Fair on Thursday 12th December 2024? If you answer yes to any of these please contact me on careers@stantonbury-tove.org.uk. Thank you.

**SOME PEOPLE DREAM OF
SUCCESS, WHILE OTHER PEOPLE
GET UP EVERY MORNING AND
MAKE IT HAPPEN.**

– WAYNE HUIZENGA

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Recent Highlights

Trinity College at Cambridge University Trip, Year 11 High Attaining Students

This trip had a profound effect on the aspirations of many attending students. At the start of the trip students could be heard exclaiming wonder at the grandeur of the College, but many were saying it was not for the likes of them. By the end of the trip the wonder at the fantastic scholarly environment had increased, but there was a definite realisation that this was achievable for all of the participating students. Students received information on student life at the College, tips on how to make a successful application and access to the Wren Library online. Students had a tour of the College, including the marvellous chapel and The Wren Library, designed by Christopher Wren and housing many written treasures, including Isaac Newton's own copy of his book - Principia Mathematica. Students walked around the quadrangle where Newton worked on the propagation of sound waves through the air. Student satisfaction scores on the trip were extremely high.



SEND Careers Fair

We held an evening event that allowed our students with SEND and their families to attend. Local and national businesses and, MK and Moulton Colleges attended; some of the businesses and MK College had apprenticeship opportunities. All guests enjoyed talking to our students and their families about training and working life. Families also took the opportunity to talk to Alicia Kayll, SENCO and Cheryl Hancock, whilst Amy Hewitt was on hand to support students and families in the use of our careers platform - Unifrog.

Trip to Nissan

Students had an enjoyable morning at the Nissan manufacturing plant over in Cranfield. They were welcomed by the regional European chairman, Guillaume Cartier before participating in a carousel of engineering and IT activities. There was a Nissan formula car to view alongside of the latest electric vehicles and a chance to find out how Nissan was supporting a disabled team of marathon runners (such an inspirational programme). Students talked to recruiters on graduate and apprenticeship programmes. Students rated the trip highly for what they learnt and the careers information provided.



Recent Highlights

BlueCube Technologies Trip, Year 10

We made two trips to BlueCube Technologies for interested students to learn about this growing tech business (ranked ninth in the top 50 SME apprenticeship providers). Their focus is on managed IT support, cybersecurity and crisis response, IT infrastructure management and cloud solutions, and IT strategy. Rob Gilbride, Head of Talent and Development, is responsible for apprenticeship recruitment and was our host. Rob has many years of industry experience and gave students a detailed presentation on the industry, job roles and tips on applying for the apprenticeship opportunities available from BlueCube. There was a tour of the Office, which was the epitome of a high tech environment. Students had a question and answer session with a few employees, one of whom was a very successful alumni of Stantonbury School.



Visit from the Royal Aeronautical Society

This was an internal interactive event for budding engineers. Students worked in teams to design and build a glider, listened to presentations about the society and from a current apprentice on her qualifications, study and training route and her daily working life as an engineer.



**ROYAL
AERONAUTICAL
SOCIETY**

Royal Navy Days, Year 8



The Royal Navy School's Outreach team visited us for two-days. All of Year 8 spent an interactive hour designing and building a push or pullable vehicle capable of transporting the large kit bags of large Meccano pieces used to construct their vehicles - below are some pictures of their designs. Each team of students had to give a short presentation to the rest of the group on their design, its strengths and problems they had to overcome. Students then had the opportunity to take part in a race to find out the fastest vehicles and which remained intact when stress-tested. Students heard about some of the job roles needed in the Navy.



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“Dream big, work hard, and never give up. Your career path is in your hands.”

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Work Experience Prep with Year 9



February saw the start of the work experience process for Year 9 students, with assemblies from Proactive Young People and Karen Malone. Students were given a guide to finding work experience and families were sent a timeline for the process and were invited to attend a presentation and question and answer session from Proactive Young People and Karen.

Since then the careers team have been holding one-to-one and small group meetings with students without placements and Proactive Young People, have worked with Amy Hewitt, across two-days to support students.

It is fair to say that the number of students actively looking for placements appears to be disappointingly low; the careers team are happy to talk with or meet families who are struggling to support their child in their efforts to find a placement. The School has been very proactive in supporting these students, but ultimately, businesses want to see and hear from students, not the School.

'Some things cannot be taught; they must be experienced. You never learn the most valuable lessons in life until you go through your own journey.'
Roy T Bennet

Year 11 September 2024 Post-16 Destinations

It is important that all students have an offer from at least one educational or training organisations for courses, training or apprenticeships starting in September. Across Year 11 students have had access to job specific small group work and one-to-one personal guidance from the careers team. The team is currently contacting families where students have not supplied information on their transition destination. Under current legislation, young people cannot be in full-time employment until they are 18-years of age and if they are working for an employer, they do need to have accredited study attached to their work.

The careers team is happy to talk with families concerned about their child's post-16 options and especially where students do not have an offer of accredited study or training. Contact us on 01908 324403 or email careers@stantonbury-tove.org.uk to arrange an appointment.



Use the information below to help you understand the options available to you after Year 11.

IF I ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING GCSEs ...	I CAN MOVE ONTO LEVEL ...	AND CONSIDER THESE OPTIONS ...	AND APPLY FOR ...
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What if I get grades below 2 ?			

Speak to your Careers Adviser to help you explore the options in more detail.

Summer Term Events

Year 12 Trip to Hertfordshire University

Our Year 12 students enjoyed a trip to Hertfordshire University to get a taste of what University life might be like - the day was spent exploring the campus, viewing accommodation options, getting hands on in sample lectures and enjoy an ice cream in the beautiful grounds.



MK University Hospital Medics and Healthcare Workshops



A select group of students from Years 8, 9 and 10 had the opportunity to take part in a variety of workshops run by staff from the Milton Keynes University hospital. Workshops included the chance to learn CPR and how to use a defibrillator, getting to grips with an interactive model baby that simulates real behavior in response to stimulus, learning about the different routes into a career in the field of medicine and the chance to use equipment to monitor heartbeat and oxygen levels.

Upcoming Careers Events for last summer half-term:

- Year 8 KPMG Assembly
- Year 9 WorkTree Apprenticeship Workout
- Year 10 start of the small group and one-to-one personal guidance meetings.



Thank you for all your support this academic year. We wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

