

# Careers, Education and Employability

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I came to give life - life in all its fullness  

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High expectations - no excuses



## Welcome

Hello and welcome to the new Careers, Education and Employability newsletter.

It has been really exciting to finally be able to offer students the chance to engage with in-person events in the recent months as part of their Careers education programme..

## Careers and Apprenticeship Show

Year 10 and Year 12 students had the chance to attend the Careers and Apprenticeship Show at the Bournemouth International Centre, organised by Dorset Careers Hub and BCP Council. Students had the opportunity to meet and speak with a wide range of employers and educational providers, including our local colleges and universities, to learn more about careers pathways and apprenticeship opportunities.



We received many positive comments about the mature way in which students engaged and the interesting questions they asked. Well done to all!

## Step Up Programme

Year 11 students participating in the Step Up Programme visited New College Oxford for a day to learn more about the Oxford experience.



The 'Step Up' programme enables students to recognise Oxford as a realistic and achievable option for them in the future, and fully equips them to make a competitive application. We are one of only thirty schools nationally in this programme. Students have the opportunity to meet staff and students and tour New College, before having lunch in the New College dining hall. We are delighted that students have successfully had Oxford and Cambridge offers this year and look forward to celebrating all Year 13 successes this summer.

## Communication, Presentation and Study Skills

We have been enjoying being able to invite guests and presenters back in to the academy, to work with students. Some Year 10 students spent a day developing their Communications, Presentation and Study Skills in a workshop offered by SUN (Southern Universities Network). The presenter has worked in the West End and shared a wealth of experience about careers in the performing arts sector.

## Careers in Hospitality

Year 9 students had the chance to learn much more about Careers in Hospitality during one of their PSHE lessons when we welcomed members of BAHA – the Bournemouth Area Hospitality Association into the academy. Christophe Baffos, Director of Learning at Bournemouth & Poole College, shared his successful career story which included working as a Chef at the Savoy in London. David Bailey, recent chair of BAHA and former Managing Director of the Miramar Hotel, and Kieron Denty, Bar Manager at The Collingwood Hotel, both spoke about the wide range of roles and opportunities within the industry.

Finally, students heard from Head Chef, Jessie Wells, from Terrior Tapas, himself a former B&P College student, who has just recently won a coveted Green Michelin Star.

## FE & HE Encounters

As part of our Careers assembly programme we have continued with our FE and HE Encounters including presentations from AUB and BU. The presentations expose students to the university experience, and educate them about vocational courses and apprenticeship programmes; including courses at Kingston Maurward, Bournemouth & Poole and Rockley College.

## National Apprenticeship Week

We also celebrated National Apprenticeship Week when students had the opportunity to learn more about apprenticeship programmes – did you know there are over 1500 different apprentices you could choose from, or that you can study for a degree or Masters qualification whilst working for an organisation and they will pay you a salary and all your university tuition fees!



## National Citizens Service

Following a presentation from NCS – the National Citizens Service, forty-three students from Year 11 and 12 have signed up to participate in their summer programme this year. Students will attend a one week residential with the opportunity to try out a whole range of outdoor activities and then they will create and deliver their own community-based project developing their personal and employability skills. We have the highest number of applicants of any of the schools in Bournemouth!



## Year 10 Work Experience

Our Year 10 Work Experience Programme ran for the first time since 2019. Over two hundred students gained an experience of working for an employer in a work environment. The range of placements was extremely diverse and there has been some excellent feedback from employers. A group of students participated with a local landscape company working here at TBOWA. The group built and planted a number of raised beds, seeded a wild flower area and undertook the complete renovation of the wildlife pond in the Art Garden. They also created the display in the planters by the main door, which use purple and gold flowers in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee.



## The immediate future

Looking ahead to the rest of this academic year we are intending to run some “Flying Visits” to give students in Year 9 and Year 10 an experience of being on an FE or HE campus. Year 10 will have further guidance on all Post 16 Options, including careers appointments as they plan for their move into Year 11.

## Mock Interview Day

We are also pleased to announce the return of our Mock Interview Day for students in Year 10 and Year 12. They will be given the opportunity to develop their application and interview skills through applying for a range of potential opportunities and to meet with a guest from the local business or education community gaining full experience of an actual interview situation.

**A REQUEST** – parents/guardians if you have had experience of recruitment and interviewing and could volunteer a few hours on Thursday 7th July to support this event, please contact [careers@tbowa.org](mailto:careers@tbowa.org). We would love to hear from you.

## Young Enterprise

And finally, a huge congratulations to the team from Year 12 who won the ‘Best Use of Technology Award’ at the recent Young Enterprise “Company Programme” Dorset Showcase event.



The team have been participating in the programme, which requires students to form their own company, create a product or service that they can develop and potentially launch into a public market. Our team “Partsie” have had the chance to work on a weekly basis with their JP Morgan Business mentors, giving such valued exposure to the world of work. This award comes in addition to the Best Sales and Marketing Award they won after pitching their idea at an earlier Dragons’ Den event against twelve other Dorset teams. A big well done.