

Careers Blog (September 2021- December 2021)



Year 7



Year 7's have started to look into their career ideas this term. To help with their research they have used a careers software package called Xello. They have completed their first Xello matchmaker programme and this given them a selection of possible careers they might be interested in. Along with this they have completed their first Xello lesson showing how the subjects they do in school link to careers in the real world.

Year 10

Year 10 pupils have started planning for their Work Experience Programme for 24th January 2022 – 28th January 2022. They have completed their application forms and had an interview to secure their work placements. This will be an exciting opportunity for our Year 10 pupils to sample the realities of The World of Work.

Year 11

Post 16 Option planning (September – December 2020)

As usual, Oakwood staff and Year 11 pupils have been busy planning the next steps to take after GCSE's....

Students have had the opportunity to find out about the range of pathways and options available after Year 11. Staff from Thomas Rotherham College, Rotherham College and The Ask Programme have delivered face to face and virtual assemblies to inform our pupils of the wide range of Post 16 Options available. The presentations have covered options such as A Levels, BTEC Qualifications, Vocational Qualifications, the new T Levels and Apprenticeships.

Oakwood's Post 16 Options Event

On 3rd November 2021 Year 11 pupils, parents & carers were invited to attend Oakwood's Post 16 Options Event. At this event, we were pleased to welcome over 30 exhibitors from local colleges, sixth forms, employers, training organisations, including universities to find out about their Post 16 and Post 18 offer for our students. It was refreshing to see our students interacting so positively with our visitors. The feedback we received from our visitors was very positive, with some commenting about how engaged, friendly and polite our students were

On 17th November 2021 a small group of Year 11 pupils attended an apprenticeship awareness day at The Source Training Academy near Meadowhall. They found out about what an apprenticeship involves, how to apply and enhance their chances of success by taking part in a series of practical and interactive activities. They had the honour of meeting a recently qualified apprentice from AESSEAL and she told them about her experiences of training and working. They also were able to develop their team building skills by taking part in various activities and learning about emergency first aid techniques.



Career Planning



The MAP Department have worked with Year 11 pupils in PSHCE lessons to complete CV's and Personal Statements to support Post 16 applications.

Mrs. Barton and Mrs Sykes continue to offer Year 11 pupils the opportunity to take part in careers interviews to help with decision making around Post 16 Options and career pathways.

