

Careers Newsletter

April 2023 - July 2023



So much has happened at Oakwood since our last newsletter, which has given pupils the opportunity to think about the next steps in their educational journey and the aspirations for the future in the world of work:

AMRC (Advanced Manufacturing and Research Centre) Drop-in

21st April 2023

Lisa Sellers, recruitment lead from the AMRC Training centre visited Oakwood to hold a lunchtime drop-in session for any Y11 students who had applied or were interested in applying for an engineering apprenticeship with them to start in September. Several students took advantage of Lisa's visit and came to see her and ask questions about the recruitment process at the AMRC. We are keen to work closely with local training providers to ensure our students gain awareness of opportunities available to them.

ASK Sheffield

28th April 2023

Harry McGregor from The ASK programme at Sheffield City Council came into school to deliver a workshop about how to search, apply and succeed in gaining an apprenticeship. He explained to our students about how to log on to the government's bespoke search and apply apprenticeship website (www.apprenticeships.gov.uk).



XTOL Sheffield

5th May 2023

XTOL workshop for apprenticeship seekers delivered by Paul and Chloe from XTOL.

XTOL is a training provider who specialise in working with the retail, hospitality and wider customer service sector and advertise vacancies in these sectors. Paul and Chloe were well placed to explain to our learners about what employers want and how to promote themselves to gain the best opportunities.

Work Experience Launch

23rd June 2023

Work experience launch assembly delivered by Miss Tank and supported by Ms Hoggard informed Y9 students that when they are in Y10 they will be given the opportunity to go out on a work experience placement in January 2024. The work placements will take place week commencing 22nd January and end on Friday 26th January 2024. Students are able to self-arrange their own placements or get assistance from BE-Together to help source them a suitable placement. Ms Tank and Ms Hoggard will be on hand to guide students through the process. **[Deadline for the placement forms is 15th September 2023.](#)**

HEPP (Higher Education Progression Partnership) Visit to Oakwood

30th June 2023

Two representatives from HEPP came to present some awareness raising workshops about higher education to some of our Y9 and Y10 students. During the morning Y9s learnt about making decisions by looking at the many options to study

at university, the importance of making choices and planning routes into higher education. In the afternoon Y10s considered the costs, benefits and wide range options of studying at university. It is hoped that the workshops helped our students to start imagining the routes – not just higher education – needed to achieve their goals



Mock interview morning for Y10 students

4th July 2023

We were thrilled to welcome 29 guests representing 19 different organisations. The organisations represented covered staff from a range of vocational sectors such as engineering, construction, education, defence and finance. Between them our guests interviewed 191 Y10 students throughout the morning. The students were asked nine questions about themselves, their aspirations and their strengths and weaknesses. Students were able to present their CVs (prepared in PSHE lessons) and their personal statements developed in English lessons to the guests.

The students will be given a feedback sheet regarding their performance and constructive advice about how to improve in an interview next time. We hope that our students found it a helpful learning experience.

Our guests reported back that they had found our students to be 'aspirational', 'engaged', 'polite', 'well mannered' with one employer describing them as 'remarkable'. We are very proud.



Year 11 Results Day

24th August 2023

Results day is Thursday 24th August. Ex-Year 11 pupils will collect their results from the Main Hall between 10am and 12pm. If pupils have any queries about their results, they should email exams@oakwood.ac. If pupils have queries about progression to Post-16 education, they should email l.barton@oakwood.ac