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YEAR 9 ARMY DAY

The Army visited the school at the beginning of October and worked with Year 9 students. They delivered tasks that focussed on teamwork, logic, maths, orienteering and strategy.

The students enjoyed the sessions and certificates were given out to those who showed strong teamwork and communication skills.

The Army held an assembly on the final day and gave an insight into different career routes and job roles within the forces including salary expectations and progression pathways.



CAREERS CLUB

We have added some board games to our Careers Club lunchtime sessions so that students can not only use the time to learn more about different jobs, further education and higher education options but can also have some good old-fashioned fun! Guess in 10 and Super Skills are fun games that help students learn about different jobs and skills.

The careers club supports students with applications, logging on to Unifrog, C.V's and cover letters. Students can also use the time to take a number of quizzes via Unifrog including, personality quiz, interests quiz and a work environment quiz. Careers Club runs every Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime in 6T1.

COMING UP THIS TERM:

- CAREERS FAIR - Y9-13
- WORK EXPERIENCE FOR Y10
- A VISIT FROM THE DFE AND OAT
- OXFORD UNIVERSITY – KEBLE COLLEGE TRIP



CAREERS ROUND UP

SEND CAREERS EVENT

A number of our Year 11 SEND students attended the SEND Careers Event at West Bromwich Albion Football Club this term.

The event was held by Connexions, Sandwell and was a great opportunity for our Year 11's to think about their next steps and what opportunities are available to them when they complete their final year at secondary school.

A selection of organisations attended the event, students could visit the stands to discuss options available to them at colleges and training providers, including functional skills, supported internships and travel training.

The students really enjoyed the event, and it was fantastic to see focus and importance on the well-being and support that SEND students deserve.



NOW & NEXT SKILLS AND EDUCATION

On Monday the 2nd December Mrs Benson, Senior leader for careers attended the Now and Next event at Edgbaston Cricket Club.

This event brought together a range of employers, careers leaders and headteachers as well as industry experts such as Professor Deidre Hughes and Oli de Boton, CEO of the Careers and Enterprise Company.

The focus for the event was how Artificial Intelligence is likely to impact the population in the future, specifically examining how schools and businesses will need to adapt to the use of AI moving forward. The event also examined how students can be better prepared to meet employer standards.

This is likely to be a new undertaking for Forge Career Champions as the Careers Club analyses how AI is already being used by staff and students at Forge. The club will then focus on looking at how everyone can be supported in the safe use of AI going forward.



KPMG TEACHER ENCOUNTER

Members of our careers team attended a teacher encounter event at KPMG in Birmingham city centre this term.

It was an informative and inspiring day that focussed on student recruitment, apprenticeship opportunities and an insight into the business's ethos and goals.

We heard from some truly inspirational apprentices that spoke with passion and enthusiasm about their chosen apprenticeship pathways including Tax and Business Services.



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MRS BARKER, STEM CO-ORDINATOR – TEACHER ENCOUNTER GTG WEST MIDLANDS FOCUSED ON TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

Lucky enough to visit GTG West Midlands where resources created by STEM Learning were shared with teaching staff, that are all logistics-based but curriculum mapped to STEM subjects. The day included:

- Tour of the premises
- The role of logistics in the modern world, and its relevance to subjects students study.
- Information on entry routes, career families, and career pathways.
- Opportunity to speak to employers.
- Workshop - how to embed this knowledge into the curriculum

CLASSIC PHYSIQUES

Classic Physiques Gym in Cradley Heath offers several of our students from Y11 the opportunity to train during their PE lesson at their state-of-the-art facility. Students have really benefitted from the experience of learning how to use the gym equipment correctly and effectively and the importance of physical exercise for mental and physical wellbeing

WORK EXPERIENCE

It has been a busy time in the careers department as we reach the deadline for our Year 10 students to upload their work experience details on to our digital platform, Unifrog.

Students will be going to a range of placements in the surrounding areas including primary schools, pharmacies, accountants, mechanics and care homes.

Work experience is a valuable activity for our students to really gain an understanding of the world of work and be inspired to consider different careers in the future.

If you or any family members feel you could offer our students a placement from Monday 7th to Friday 11th April, please email sarah.southall@oatforge.co.uk