



# NS Careers

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## Careers at Nether Stowe – what have we done?

### Whole school

As part of our career program we have been having tutor sessions relating to careers. For years 7 and 8 this is on a fortnightly basis, and for years 9 upwards this is every week. During these sessions students learn about different employability skills, their importance and how they can be developed. Pupils have also been looking at specific careers and jobs based on what was popular with students who completed the career aspiration survey. All resources for the sessions can be accessed on STELLA, by clicking on the folder entitled 'Careers – Tutor PowerPoints'.

### Year 11 PSHE day

For our Careers PSHE day our year 11 students experienced lessons on; what makes a good CV? And created their own. The National Citizenship Service (NSC) supported with a session on preparing for an interview. Students also learnt about different types of careers and what can affect our choices with them. Pupils also went through the application process for 6<sup>th</sup> form, college and apprenticeships, with support from ASK apprenticeships and completed important work around next steps and goal setting. This work in school is being coupled with some afterschool support in the form of college and apprenticeship talks where students can attend and ask questions.



### Year 12 and 13 PSHE day

For year 12 their Careers PSHE day included sessions on Post-18 options and Labour Market Information (LMI) which will support career plans. Students did work on Further and Higher education delivered by the University of Warwick.

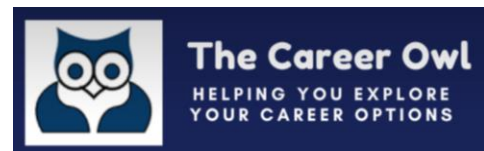
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They also worked on employability skills and employability, where students learnt about the skills of the workplace and what prospective employers want, with a supporting video from Ruth Forrester from WAGSTAFF recruitment in Lichfield.

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Year 12 had an employer talk from Kathryn Hall, from the Career Owl, who spoke to them about self-employment. For year 13 she educated them on personal brand and online profiles for career networking, following up the work already done on benefits of LinkedIn for job searches.



Year 13 also did sessions on workplace behaviours, values and interview skills, which will support their mock interviews next year. Students also experienced a session on UCAS or applications depending on their post-18 plans. Both year groups had talks on apprenticeships from ASK Apprenticeships who helped students to understand what was available in terms of apprenticeships, the businesses that offer them and how to access and apply for them.

## START profile – ‘My locker’ of evidence

In our previous newsletter we introduced you to the online careers platform ‘Start’. All students should have created an online profile during their time in tutor and are beginning to look in more detail at the website.

For all our students, following on from their PSHE days over the year, we are encouraging them to have uploaded work they did into the section entitled ‘My locker’. This is part of the website where students should be recording any evidence of careers interactions, PSHE careers work, opportunities outside of school that would support future applications such as part time work or volunteering. This locker will then move with the students through their school life building up evidence for them to refer back to at key points such as Post-16 or Post-18 applications.

We would like you to look at this with your child and support them in using the website to widen their knowledge around careers, the labour market and look at the other information on offer.

Please visit the website:

<https://www.startprofile.com/>



## PSHE Career days 2020

- Year 9 – Mon 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021
- Year 10 – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- Year 8 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- Year 7 – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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## Afterschool support – students and parents

To support the work done in school we are also delivering some afterschool sessions for students and parents to help with careers. We have held an afterschool session about college and what it has to offer, which was in conjunction with Walsall College. We will also be doing an apprenticeship session with ASK both students afterschool and parents on an evening. To register your interest for the parental session please email [arose@netherstowe.com](mailto:arose@netherstowe.com)

## Years 11 and 13 career interviews

As part of the individual guidance offered for our students, all pupils in Year 11 and 13 will be having a careers interview with our independent careers advisor Mike Gilbert. These have started this last half term and students are being emailed in advance of their interview in order for them to prepare questions. Once the students have had their careers interview the action plan created will be sent to them and a copy also sent home to parents – can you please ensure emails are checked we have the most up to date email address on the school system.

## Calling parents – we want you!

As part of our school careers program we would like to develop our career links with a variety of industries and careers areas. To do this we want to build a parental database of careers support as we know that you have a wealth of information relating to a wide variety of jobs. We are looking for support in any capacity including the following: mock interviews, workshops with classes of pupils, employer talks, support with UCAS, workplace visits, literature on your career area, etc.

If you would be willing to support in anyway please contact Miss A Rose via email to share your details.