



NS Careers

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Careers at Nether Stowe – what have we done?

We have nearly reached the end of another academic year, although a year unlike any other, and I wanted to take this opportunity to say a well done to our students for the hard work they put in across school. It has been a challenging time for many, but we are hoping to look forward to a much more settled and brighter new academic year in September.

This final term has seen lots of continued support in school to help our students with their career pathways. For our year 8 pupils they have been having subject specific careers lessons within Art, Music, Drama, Maths, etc. Which will help to support them with their future option choices next year, there is also information on the school website that we would encourage our year 8 pupils to start looking at ahead for next year, although option blocks and course information is currently specific to our Year 9 pupils. But to gain an insight to support your child in their choices I would advise looking here:

<https://netherstowe.staffs.sch.uk/year-9-options-september-2021/>

We have continued our careers work in tutor with our weekly for Y9 upwards and fortnightly for Y7 and Y8 sessions where we have looked at careers linked to subject areas, specific employability skills and supported this with labour market information to ensure pupils are well informed. Pupils will also be undertaking a final careers survey so we can gain their feedback on the work done this year to inform our planning for next year.

Whole School Enterprise Day

On 7th July we held our first whole school enterprise day. All students were off their normal timetables to work in college teams to take part in an enterprise activity. This was done through the National Enterprise Challenge, which is a UK wide challenge undertaken by schools. The purpose of the day was to help students develop their wider employability 'soft' skills, and give them a taster of life in the business world. It was a fantastic day with exceptional work being produced by the students, which was wonderful to see.

Years 7 and 8

Our Y7 and Y8 project was based around the company Air Products and they had to design an innovative new use for the recycled Air Products cylinders and tanks which can no longer be used for gas storage. There were some wonderful and very innovative ideas that students came up with and some wonderful displays of teamwork.



Years 9 and 10

Our Y9 and Y10 project was based around Natwest Banking and their dream bigger work, where college teams had to identify an issue that affects you, your school, your local community or the region where you live and develop an idea for an innovative new product or service that would help to address, resolve or reduce this issue. Again students came up with some brilliant ideas and had to present them to a member of Senior Leadership Team, an external judge and the rest of the year group. There were some wonderful ideas shared

Enterprise day continued...

and it was great to see some very thoughtful projects put forward. But there can only be one winning team from each year group which for Year 9 was Beacon so a big well done to Ella, Tyra, Chloe, Danielle, Archie & Owen. In Year 10 it was Chase and a big well done to Sophie, Hannah, Athena, Maddison, Michael, Alyssia. All college teams that presented did fantastically well, which was commented on by all judges involved.



Year 12

Our Year 12 teams have been developing a school community project with their challenge being to develop a sustainable community project which will increase links between the school and the local community, they need to develop an idea for an innovative new service/project that would help to address, improve and increase the links with the local community. Like all other year groups our students rose to the challenge, with the ideas being presented to Mr. Langston-Jones and Mr. Shaw with a plan to undertake the winning project on our return to school in September.

Exam results Day Y11/Y13

A level results for Y13 will be available on Tuesday 10th August from 8:30am and GCSE results for Y11 on Thursday 12th August from 8:30am. On both days students will need to complete a data capture form, as well as speaking to a member of Entrust confirming their plans. If students need further support with their plans there will be school staff as well as independent careers advisors from Entrust and Juniper training to help support any queries.

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Post-16 Options support

Sadly due to COVID restrictions we were unable to go ahead with our planned parents evening for our Year 10 pupils and parents/carers at home to go over the pathways for after Year 11.

In its place we have asked all those who were speaking to create information videos to give information and advice about what their pathway offers. This will be going onto the careers section of the school website entitled Post-16 options. There will be an introduction video from Mike Gilbert who is our independent careers advisor from Entrust. In his video he will cover all options available to students after year 11 so it is recommended you watch that video first. There are also more detailed videos about the individual pathways students can take. Miss H Riley has done one about the school 6th form. Amazing apprenticeships have done one about apprenticeships which students can take at 16 years old, but also be aware there is no upper age limit for an apprenticeship so they can be started later. Then a number of the local colleges such as Stafford and Walsall, who can explain what they offer too.

Applications for Post-16 will need to be made upon our return to school in September so it is vital that students use the summer to consider what their plans are. On their return all students will have a 60min one-to-one guidance interview as well to support them with their plans.

Please access videos here:

<https://netherstowe.staffs.sch.uk/post-16-options/>

PSHE Days

This final term has seen our remaining PSHE days take place with a careers focus for Year 7 and 8.

Year 8's careers day included an introduction to apprenticeships and T Levels so learning and earning, different job roles and progression within careers, what labour market information was and how they can use it, and importance of equality in the workplace.

Year 7 have had sessions on identifying their strengths and weaknesses, dreams and aspirations, employability skills with an employer from Croud, digital marketing agency. They also looked at the difference between want and need, linking to lifestyle and as well as a session on where their future might lead.