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YEAR 11 CAREER'S NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our first Patcham High School Careers Year 11 newsletter, keeping our students and parents up to date with Careers news and events. The purpose of this newsletter is to signpost you towards a range of resources, allowing students to undertake some independent Careers research, which is going to be very important this term.

Throughout the year, I will continue to share details about open events, opportunities to meet employers, virtual work experience opportunities, local job and apprenticeship vacancies and post 16 progression events. I will send out texts to inform parents of important dates and students will be given key careers information during tutor time. We will also be hosting Careers based assemblies, the first of which will be guiding students through the busy term ahead and an opportunity to take a look at the range of Post 16 options on offer in the local area.

Gatsby Benchmarks



The Careers curriculum we deliver at PHS is underpinned by the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks (listed below)

(www.gatsby.org.uk/education/focus-areas/good-career-guidance)

1. A stable career's programme
2. Learning from Labour Market Information
3. Addressing the needs of each pupil
4. Linking curriculum learning to careers
5. Encounters with employers and employees
6. Experiences of workplaces
7. Encounters with further and higher education
8. Personal guidance

The Gatsby Benchmarks have a key role in:

- Raising young people's aspirations and promoting access to all career pathways
- Enabling young people to develop the skills and outlook they need to achieve career wellbeing, including adaptability and resilience
- Underpinning the Department of Education guidance to schools on meeting their statutory responsibility for careers guidance

Careers Guidance Meetings - Year 11

Gatsby benchmark 8 focuses on providing every student with the opportunity for guidance meetings with a career's advisor. These will be carried out by myself as I hold a Level 6 Diploma in Careers Guidance and Development. The meetings will take place in my new office (in the library) and can involve all manner of discussions – establishing what jobs or job sectors a student might be interested in, looking at labour market information, whether a student is on target to achieve the required grades to study at Sixth Form college, or simply looking for some professional reassurance that the intended pathway is most suitable based on the student's goals and aspirations.

Every student will be offered a 1:1 meeting and I will continue to meet with students as they move closer to making their final Post 16 Progression choices by the beg. of December, which is only 12 weeks away.



Timeline September to December 2021

- Research time – check out your options NOW. Have a look at the local college's websites for courses and entry requirements
- Talk over your plans with family, teachers and your careers advisor
- Individual careers guidance meetings start
- Check out sixth form and college prospectuses online
- **Post 16 Progression evening here at Patcham High on Tuesday 12th October 6-8pm – talks from the local colleges, post 16 providers, higher education, apprenticeships etc**
- Attend open evenings at local colleges
- Listen into What Next Sussex 2021 Careers event on 7th October www.getcareerconfident.co.uk/what-next-sussex Ask questions to representatives from further and higher education providers, sixth form colleges, schools, training providers and the world of work. Enjoy videos and interactive content that will help navigate the pathways available to you after Year 11
- Find out about Apprenticeships www.apprenticeships.gov.uk
- Start revising for mock exams -make a plan and brush up on your revision and exam skills, if you struggle make a timetable



PATCHAM HIGH SCHOOL
Post-16
Options Evening
12TH OCTOBER 6-8PM

Post 16 providers Open events and websites

Bhasvic (Sixth form college)

Open evenings Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th November 6.30-9pm

www.bhasvic.ac.uk

Varndean (Sixth form college)

Open day Saturday 25th September 11am – 2pm www.varndean.ac.uk

Open evenings Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th October 6.30-9pm

International Baccalaureate (https://varndean.ac.uk/courses/i_bacc/) Thursday 14th October 6.45 – 7.30pm

GB Met Brighton - central & East campus (Further education college)

Open evening Tuesday 12th October 4-8pm Open day Saturday 20th November 10am -1pm

GB Met Northbrook & Shoreham Airport

Open evening Tuesday 5th October 4-8pm Open day Saturday 13th November 10am – 1pm

www.gbmc.ac.uk

Plumpton College (Land based college)

Open day Saturday 18th September 9am – 12 noon

www.plumpton.ac.uk

BACA (Cricket & Football academies)

Open evening Wednesday 3rd November 6-8pm

www.baca-uk.org.uk/BACA-College/

East Sussex College -Lewes (Further education college)

13th and 14th October 4.30pm - 7pm

www.escg.ac.uk

DV8 (specialist creative college)

Open days Saturday 16th October 10am – 2pm, open evening Wednesday 20th October 5-7pm

www.dv8sussex.com

Cardinal Newman (Sixth form college)

Dates for open events TBA

www.cncs.ac.uk

Steve Willis Training (specialist training college – Gas, Plumbing, Electrical)

Dates for open events TBA

www.stevewillis.com

ICTheatre (specialist college for Performing Arts)

Open afternoon Thursday 21st October 2-5pm

www.ictheatre.ac.uk

BIMM (specialist college for Music)

Open day Saturday 9th October 10.30am – 2pm

www.bimm.ac.uk

Useful websites for careers research

www.icould.co.uk explore careers & Buzz Quiz

www.ucas.com explore Universities, Apprenticeships and Colleges

www.nationalcareersservice.co.uk explore job profiles, salaries and labour market information

www.careerpilot.org.uk choose a subject you enjoy and see where it might lead

www.prospects.ac.uk What can I do with my degree? Mapping out your future

I will advertise careers related events on the website. You can also find a range of resources on the Year 11 Post 16 Progression link.

I hope that you find the information in the newsletter informative; I am always happy to help with your queries so please do not hesitate to contact me at nottaway@patchamhigh.org.uk



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