



16 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Careers Newsletter - September 2021

Welcome to a new academic year and I hope you're all keeping well and safe.

For the new academic year, we have some exciting activities and events being planned to help support your children with careers education which I will keep you informed about.

Could You, Your Colleagues, Friends or Family Help Us at Hagley Catholic High School?

As part of our ever-growing careers guidance programme, we are seeking your help to further expand what's on offer to our students.

Helping young people to engage and learn from employers is crucial to supporting them in achieving their ambitions, therefore we are engaging with the local business community to increase these opportunities.

Would you, your friends or family like to support the school in helping to inspire our young learners about the world of work and help increase knowledge of the variety of job roles and opportunities that are available to help them make informed career and education choices in the future?

We are looking for willing volunteers to come into school to talk about their job roles (from any industry) at the following events:

When	Time	Activity	What will I do?
Tuesday 25th January 2022	10am - 12pm or/and 1pm - 3.05pm	Year 9 World of Work Day	Deliver a 30-minute workshop/talk to groups of 30 learners at a time. The workshop will involve you talking about your career background, job role, how you got there. Learners will also ask you questions. You will repeat the same workshop to different groups of learners. You can bring along something you use at work (prop, equipment) to encourage conversation, wear work uniform etc.
Tuesday 15 th February 2022	9.15am - 10.30am	Year 8 Business Breakfast	'Speed dating' style event in the hall, where each employee will move around small groups of 10 x Year 8 learners, spending 5-10 minutes with each group talking about your job role. They will ask you questions about your job and the skills and qualities you need.

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Any time you can give would be very much appreciated and we will ensure you are well looked after with refreshments! Visitors will always be accompanied by a member of school staff.

Other events that we are hoping to arrange throughout the year are:

- Mock Interview Days
- Assembly Talks and class workshops (to small or larger groups of students)
- Workplace visits
- Work Experience Opportunities
- Support of Curriculum Activities

If you're able to help or if you know anyone who would like to support and inspire our young learners and do something a little different, please feel free to contact me at careers@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk for more information.

Upcoming Events

Year 11 and Sixth Form Students

Friday 17th September 10am to 11.30am - Making it into Medicine (virtual event)

Virtual Live event hosted by the BMA (British Medical Association), a chance for students to learn from a current medical student and 2 practicing doctors about the medical profession, studying medicine and their own personal experiences of studying and working in the profession. There will be opportunities for panel questions.

Any students interested will need to express their interest to Mr Fitzpatrick by email afitzpatrick@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk

Tuesday 5th October 9.30am to 10.30am - Post 16 Education Assembly

Visiting speakers will include Hagley Catholic High School Sixth Form, Heart of Worcester College and HWSTPA Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire Training Providers Association to inform learners about the 3 different ways to learn after Year 11 – A Level, Vocational and the new T-Levels and Apprenticeships.

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities - For Year 10 to Year 13

Lloyds Banking are holding a 'World of Work Experience' on **Friday 29th October** (during half term) from 1pm - 4pm. Click here for more information: [LBG Early Careers \(explorelbg.co.uk\)](https://www.explorelbg.co.uk)

An opportunity for students to learn about different careers such as software development, engineering, cyber security, data analytics, product design, finance, retail and commercial banking as well as developing skills such as critical thinking and problem solving.

Speaker's For Schools and **Springpod** have lots of virtual work experience opportunities coming up over the half term break in October. Lots of exciting opportunities to learn about careers in health, environmental science, construction, media and journalism, law, engineering, finance, art and conservation, fashion plus more. School is registered so students need to register and complete an application form here:

Speaker's For Schools - [Experience Students > Take Part \(s4snextgen.org\)](https://www.experiencestudents.org)

Springpod - [Take control of your future | Springpod](https://www.springpod.co.uk)

National Events

National Coding Week – 13th September to 19th September 2021

Coding makes it possible for us to create computer software, apps and websites. Learning code has many benefits, whether it's thinking about a career in the industry, starting a new hobby or wanting to understand technology.

Coding is great if you like solving problems and logical thinking. It will also help to build on communication, team working, numeracy, analysing and evaluating skills. Careers in this sector are growing and some examples of careers that involve coding are Software Development, Data Analysis, Website Development, Cyber Security, Computer Forensics and Games Design.

In the West Midlands there are 14,030 digital tech firms, employing over 65,000 people where 1 in 10 job vacancies are tech roles (technation.io).

[Coding jobs: What qualifications do I need? - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Why Learn How to Code | Careers in coding | Jobs in Coding \(successatschool.org\)](#)

[Careers in coding, software development and programming - icould](#)

[Digital Skills Challenge 2021 - National Coding Week](#)

RAF Royal Air Force – Access All Areas (Virtual Event) Weds 6th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/raf-virtual-event-access-all-areas-tickets-163886108763?aff=EngA5Flyer>

This free event is open to anyone who is interested in finding out more about careers in the Royal Air Force. The link will take you to the Eventbrite booking system.

National Apprenticeship Show Virtual Event (Central area) Wednesday 10th November 10am - 6pm

This event will feature workshops and talks from different employers and organisations about apprenticeship opportunities. As this event is during the school day, students and parents can register which will then give you access to recordings up to 30 days after the event. Click here to register:

<https://nascentral.vfairs.com/>

Please feel free to email me or contact me through the main switchboard number if you have any questions about any of this information, career pathways and Post 16 education and I hope to see you soon.

Yours sincerely



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