



Careers Newsletter – March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been very busy since the last newsletter in December!

Whole school activities –

- **'Future careers' assembly WC 28th February** – all students had a thought provoking assembly about what the jobs market is predicted to look like by 2030.
- **National Apprenticeship week 7th-11th February** – all students learnt about what apprenticeships are, how they can be the right choice for lots of students, and what kind of apprenticeships are on offer.
- **National Careers week 7-11th March** – we were hoping to host our own career fair this week but unfortunately we had to cancel due to a lack of providers. However, we will try again in the future so watch this space.
- **Career Focus Week #1 6th-10th December & #2 7th-11th March** – during these weeks, every subject focuses on careers for a small section of their lesson. This ensures that the link between what the students are learning and possible careers they could do, are strengthened.

Post-16:

Year 11 students were lucky enough to have a mock interview on Tuesday 18th January to help to prepare them for life after Belvoir. Students had some help from tutors with preparation for their interview and then went it alone for their 1:1 20 minute interview with various volunteer interviewers. Feedback from our 15 interviewers was very positive, and the student's organisation and interests shone throughout the day. Even year 11 reluctantly agreed that it was very helpful but fed back that having it before Christmas may help more with their post 16 interviews as some had already had them. I am hoping to be able to squeeze that into our busy calendar 2022/2023.

By the end of this week, all Year 11 students will have had at the least one 40 minute 1:1 career guidance interview with our careers advisor, Rachel Reynolds, who offers them impartial support and advice and guide them through any difficulties they might be facing. Some students are receiving some extra support with apprenticeship and college applications. *If you/they feel that they need further careers help, please advise them to speak to/ e mail their tutor or Mrs Suschitzky (Careers Leader).*

NCS (National Citizenship Service) gave Year 11 an assembly at the end of February (presented by one of our very own ex-pupils!), they offer programmes designed specifically for 16-17 year olds to help give them a clearer idea of what they want from their future, attending such a programme would look great on any application form and has a reputation for setting individuals out from a crowd, crucial in the current jobs market. Details of their fabulous (and cheap!) summer programme can be found here - [NCS | No We Can | National Citizen Service \(wearencs.com\)](https://www.ncs.org.uk)

If your child is interested in joining an Apprenticeship Scheme, some links below may be useful, however please bear in mind that the majority of apprenticeship vacancies are released around April, so it is always best to apply to college as a backup!

[Apprenticeships](#)

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

Year 10:

Students in year 10 can look forward to a 'careers' drop down day at the end of June – there will be 5 sessions on a rotation, including RAF, Morrisby Careers, Apprenticeships, employability skills and a range of local post 16 providers (plus ex-students!). After this event, students will be asked to complete a form to give Rachel and I an idea of their post 16 plans, allowing us to prioritise career guidance interviews once year 11 commences (some students will see Rachel for an interview before the end of the summer term).

In addition to this, current year 10 students will be invited to a KS4 information evening early October (date TBC) where local post 16 providers will be available to talk to you about your options after Belvoir, supporting you in that crucial transition.

We are also hoping to be able to take the current year 10 cohort to a Careers Fair in November at Newark Showground – details to follow.

Year 9:

Year 9 will be going to the Big Bang STEM fair at Birmingham's NEC in June – watch this space for more information on that trip!

Year 7 and Year 8:

We are hoping to host a 'guess the job' event for our Year 7 and 8 students in the summer term, details to follow. This event will help to challenge stereotypes in the workplace and raise our student's careers aspirations.

Other news –

I am busily working towards achieving the Quality in Careers Standard in recognition for all things 'Careers' at Priory Belvoir. Hopefully in the next newsletter I will be able to confirm our success at the assessment scheduled for the summer term.

We are in the process of purchasing a new careers platform (Morrisby Careers) to use with all year groups in Personal Development (Careers module) lessons as well as individual year group drop down career days. This will allow students access to vital career questionnaires and labour market information, to allow their careers journey to be a more informed process from year 7-11.

Useful website for all year groups:

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

Prospects.ac.uk

[Careers - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Careers - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

[Belvoir - A Priory Academy - Careers \(belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk\)](http://Belvoir - A Priory Academy - Careers (belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk))

***If you have any questions regarding careers, please do not hesitate to contact me
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We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in preparing our students for their future career journeys at Priory Belvoir Academy.

Kind Regards, Mrs Suschitzky – Careers Leader.