

The Holmesdale School Careers Newsletter – Issue 1

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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the Careers Newsletter for the 2023/2024 academic year. It's felt a very busy term so far for careers and we have been busy developing our careers programme for the school to support our students in their next steps. Find out more below.



ECCO Time

Each Wednesday students receive ECCO time with one week having a careers focus. During term 1 the career students looked into was a chef. During ECCO time students were discussing the salary of a chef (£25,480), the weekly hours (average 39) and future employment possibilities. Students were also able to identify that chefs do not only work in restaurants; some chefs design the food menus for airlines to ensure the taste is as good as it can be whilst in the air! Students also discussed how to move into a career in cheffing and what qualifications are required as Head Chefs need more.

Work Experience

Students in Years 10 and 12 complete work experience each year. This year the dates for work experience are:

Year 10 - 20-25th May 2024

Year 12 - 1st-5th July 2024

Year 10 has already started their applications and this is supported through EBP Kent. Students have completed their likes, areas of work interest and travelling preferences. Any student who wishes to find their own placements must complete a form which is available at reception.



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Year 8 was due to have an assembly held by the Waterfront UTC to look at alternative provisions that are available to them. Unfortunately Waterfront UTC was unable to attend on the day, however we are working to get them booked in soon!

We have been fortunate to have booked Amazing Apprenticeships to deliver workshops to different year groups. These have been led by Ms Stradiotto, our new Careers Adviser who is starting next term.

Years 9 and 10 both had an assembly about apprenticeships, following which Year 10 had a CV writing workshop.

Just last week Years 12 and 13 had an assembly and workshops on interview skills followed by a mock assessment centre to put these skills into practice. We hope they found them helpful!

After half term Year 11 has workshops too, but you will find out about them later!

Year 11 update! On 16th November Year 11 will receive their KentChoices login details, followed by a Parent Information Evening about the next steps after GCSEs. We would love for as many Y11 parents to be there as possible!

