

Welcome to this issue of the Newsletter where we are focusing on the recent Careers Week.



Careers Week, just before the half term break, was very successful and saw a variety of events here at school including: a visit and performance for all year groups from an up and coming singer; a Year 10 enterprise day, the Mosaic Challenge, introducing the students to sustainable and ethical business through a simulation game; a visit to the Aspire Careers Fair for all Year 9 students; and subject activities for all students to consider the careers that different subjects can lead towards.



Hannah Jane Lewis is a singer/songwriter from Surrey. Not only a talented performer, Hannah also recently graduated from New York's Tisch School of the Arts with a degree in Drama & English. Since pursuing her education and gaining a first in her degree, she has recently signed a record deal with Polydor Records and is due to release her first album early next year. Hannah launched our Careers Week with a performance of some of her songs followed by a talk to all the year groups about her education and how she has set about forging her music career.



Hannah Jane emphasised the importance of her dedication to her education and she explained that her passion is music, and that is why she is following the career, not because she is seeking fame and fortune. In fact, she candidly explained that even though she has secured a record deal and one of her songs was a featured 'track of the week' on Radio 1, as yet, she is not making much money. Through hard work, talent and dedication to her song writing, Hannah Jane is beginning the career of her choice.

We thoroughly enjoyed Hannah Jane's visit to the school; she and her mother, who was acting as her 'roadie', were very impressed with our students and complemented them on their good behaviour and manners. We wish her well with her music career.



Having significant encounters with employers is key to students understanding the workplace and potential career paths. Our visit to the **Aspire Careers Fair** at the Refresh Skills Centre on the Bath Road, gave our Year 9 students the opportunity to interact with a large number of important local employers and institutions.

'I spoke to lots of people including someone from the NHS, the Fire Service, Reading College and Royal Holloway University. It was an outstanding experience to get to know about everyone and get ideas for our future life. It really helped me to think about what I am going to be in the future.' Avinash

Following an introductory talk and Q&A session with a panel of professionals, including a Crown Court Judge, the students moved into the hall where they were able to interact with the employers.

Exhibitors at the fair included:

Adviza	Engineering Construction Industry Training Board ECITB	Medical Mavericks	Shanly Homes Ltd
AIK Saath		Mix Up Reality Ltd	Siemens Financial Services
Artemis Studios	Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust	Nat West	Slough Borough Council
Arvato		National Citizens Service	Slough Get Involved
Aspire	Galliford Try	Network Rail	Slough Urban Renewal
Aston Bond	GlaxoSmithKline	Osborne	St Mary's University College
Barclays Bank Plc	Go Ape	Outsource Training & Development	Subway
BCA	GSM London		Thames Valley Police
Autism Berkshire	GVI World	Pinewood Studios	Thames Water Utilities Limited
Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Heathrow Ltd	Prince's Trust	UCB
Biogen	Heathrow Windsor Marriott Hotel	RAF	University of Surrey
BMC	Henley College, The	Reading College	UTC Reading
BPS World	Institution of Structural Engineers	Resource Productions Ltd	Uxbridge College
British Army	JTL	Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service	Verizon UK Ltd (Chartered Institute Of Credit Management)
Brunel University	Kidd Rapinet LLP	Royal Holloway University of London	Winchester Science Centre
BT	Mars Confectioner		Windsor Forest Colleges Group
Duke of Edinburgh		SEGRO Plc	Wood Technology Society Institute



Avinash taking in the information



Jade and friends trying out the hairdressing

With such a variety of companies and institutions represented, there was something of interest for all of our students. They found it to be both an informative and stimulating event and as GCSE option choices are approaching (deadline 26th March), it will help them with their decision making.

The students interacted very positively with the speakers and exhibitors; they asked pertinent and considered questions and were very well behaved; we are very proud of them.

'The careers fair was a great experience for all year 9s. We got to talk to different people about our future jobs.' Jade



Year 10 work experience

It is important for pupils to experience the workplace environment to understand the context in which they could one day be working. Year 10 work experience will be taking place from 4th to 8th June, 2018.

Learning to Work (Slough Educational Services) will be organising this process; they can arrange the work experience placements or these can be organised by the student or his/her family. The following deadlines are to be followed to ensure that placements can be arranged and the necessary checks and insurances are in place:

- Application forms due back in – 9th March, 2018
- Own placement form due back in – 26th March, 2018
- Work experience interview with Learning to Work – 13th March, 2018



Careers fair photo gallery



Trying out the simulator



Marsh-mallow challenge



Nail spa



Skaletrix



Circuit board

Future Plans...

Ms. Wellspring (Head of Design and Technology) and Mr. Abbas (KS4 Science Lead) have been recently appointed as STEM coordinators for the school. This role will involve leading on Science Technology Engineering and Mathematical events. More news on this area will follow in our next newsletter.

We are planning a role model carousel event for the Year 7s & 8s to take place in the summer term; this will involve a range of workers and employers coming into school and speaking to students in small groups about their jobs. If you are interested in talking about your job and would like to be involved in this event, please contact Mrs Gear:

s.gear@LHEA.ORG.UK



Golden Ticket Good Citizenship Rewards

December winners: Ali Hassair Maher, Arsalan Janjua, Daniel Gazdic, Faheen Noori, Kayleigh McDougall, Tauheed Ibrahim

January winners: Mohsin Babar, Nabeel Asif, William Aiwemhenle, Daniel Vasilov, Maliaka Bhuker, Clarisse Aroquianadane

Congratulations and well done for being good citizens around the school site.

GCSE Options Evening

A huge thank you to all of the students, parents and carers in year 9 who were able to attend the GCSE Options Evening on Wednesday 21st March. This was a very well attended event and the feedback has been hugely positive. All children should have their own copy of the GCSE Options Booklet to help guide them through this process, but if your son/daughter was unable to collect theirs on the night, please ask them to see me. The GCSE Options Booklet is also available via the school website.

The next key dates for the year 9 students in this process are the publication of their Progress Reports during the week commencing 19th March, followed by the Year 9 parents' Evening on Thursday 22nd March, both ahead of the GCSE Options Deadline on Monday 26th March 16:00.

Mr. Bullock

Dates for your Diary

7th Mar- Year 10 Prefects trip to WE Wembley
15th Mar- Year 7 to Big Bang Science Event
16th Mar- Year 8 to Big Bang Science Event
22nd Mar- Year 9 Parents' Evening
26th Mar- Deadline for Options Choices (**4pm**)
29th Mar- End of term (**1pm**)
16th Apr- Staff Day
17th Apr- Term begins
26th Apr- Year 8 Parent's Evening

REMINDER!

Please ensure sQuid cards are brought into school every day; this helps the service to run efficiently.

Thank you.

PSA News

A **Spring Fayre** will be held at the end of term, each Tutor group are going to run a stall or an event. Anyone who can help get prizes for the raffle or provide chocolate/eggs for a Hamper would be greatly appreciated, more details will follow soon. Please email l.flegg@lhea.org.uk with any ideas or donations of prizes especially if you work somewhere who would like some publicity as all companies who donate will be recognised at the Fayre in posters and in our newsletters.

Bags for school is ongoing as we can store them in a cupboard in school, just bring any unwanted clothes/paired footwear/belts/hats/soft toys to reception and we will organise a collection for July and help the school to raise funds to spend in school.

Unwanted uniform can be recycled back to school via reception for the attention of Miss Flegg.

A **school Facebook page** will be up and running in the next couple of weeks; this will be a closed group but will have lots of news and updates/pictures of school activities.

The **Coffee morning** on 8th February was a success with students also involved who sang and played the guitar. We will be holding a coffee morning once a term for Parents to come in and discuss anything with Mrs Coffey and the staff and to put ideas forward as well as have presentations from staff and outside agencies.

Next week we will be selling **Slate hearts** for students to write a message on and give to Mothers for Mothers Day at a cost of £3. They will be on sale at lunchtimes in the packed lunch area from Tuesday to Friday.



Recent Events in pictures

