



# CAREERS 2020-2021

**BLYTHE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM**

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## YEAR 11, 12 AND 13 BEST WEEK

The annual Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form careers fair went virtual this year and was re-branded as BEST week. The whole week involved LIVE speakers from colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers, and students were provided with a virtual platform to engage with videos and special recorded messages from organisations and the world of work. Thanks to Wilmott Dixon, we were able to give our Year 11 students the opportunity to take part in a virtual mock interview. The whole week was a success and we aim to use elements from this in our future career fairs in school.



## FORCES LIVE DAY

Students from Year 7, 8 and 11 took part in live webinars focusing on careers in the armed forces



## WELCOME

As a school we are very proud in the careers provision we have still been able to offer students this academic year through what has been a challenging time for all. It is one of our main priorities to ensure we support our students in developing their skills in making mature decision regarding their future pathways. Virtual technology has enabled us to continue this duty to our students and enhance experiences and opportunities further. Moving forward we hope to continue to develop our service and using feedback from parents and students aim to meet the needs of all.

Mr Goodwin

**#PRIDERESPECTKINDNESS**

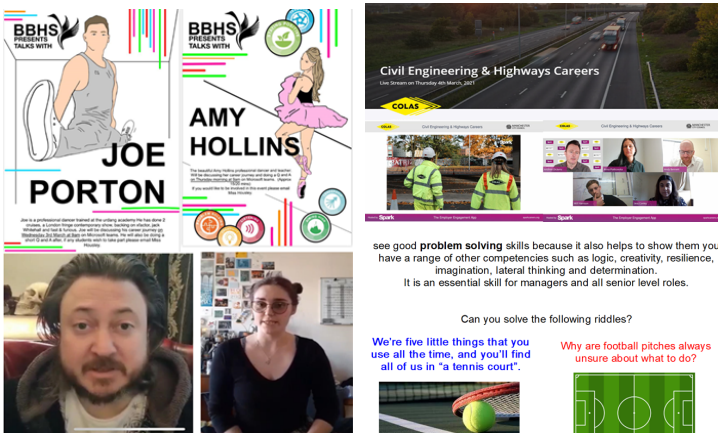
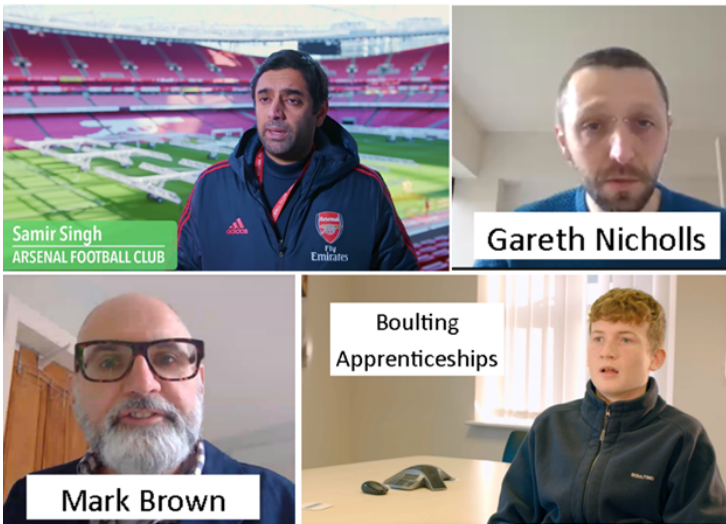
## BRILLIANT CLUB

Nine Year 10 students have worked with a PhD researcher in collaboration with 'The Brilliant Club'. During the spring term they have attended LIVE tutorials focusing on the philosophy of Kintsukuroi. The tutor Jane Smith was so impressed with our students work. Each student attended a virtual graduation and received a scholarship qualification graded using University criteria. It will be an achievement that will look impressive on their CV and University application forms.



## NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

What a great celebration of careers during 'National Careers Week' in school! All subjects got involved and spent time during the week showcasing the careers in their subject. We had guest speakers from the NHS, Sparkcareers and Staffordshire university. Boulting Ltd recorded a presentation focusing on apprenticeships which was delivered in year 12 and 13 assemblies. It was a great opportunity to see the whole school involved in thinking about careers!



## DRAGONS' DEN

Two classes from Year 7 and 8 have worked on a joint project between mathematics and business run by PwC. They took part in a LIVE launch event which set them a task themed around Dragons' Den where they then pitched their ideas to a LIVE panel.



## PSHE - LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

Year 8 and 9 students have been studying labour market information (LMI) in PSHE, looking at what the current employment needs in our community are. The full official LMI document can be found on the careers pages on FROG.



## CAREERS INTERVIEWS

Despite the difficult working conditions this year we have still managed to complete all Year 11 and Sixth Form careers interviews using a mix of face-to-face and virtual encounters

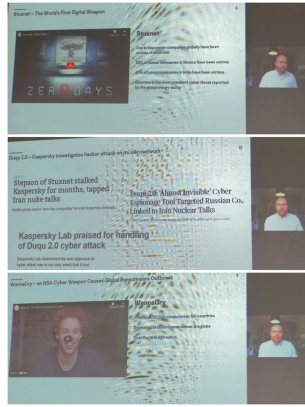
## CAREERS IN CORE

English, maths and science have been increasing the awareness of career pathways in their subjects in KS3 this year using themed objectives and signposts in lesson, teaching and learning activities focused on employability and guest speakers. We hope to continue the success of this next year



## CYBER SECURITY - KASPERSKY

Year 12 and 13 students have taken part in a virtual course delivered by Kaspersky and supported by Higher Horizons+. It focuses on how cyber crime is effecting our current world and how a cyber security firm such as 'Kaspersky' detects and manages cyber attacks.



## YEAR 7 & 8 LEGO CHALLENGE

Year 7 and 8 had lots of fun taking part in the careers Lego challenge, encouraging them to think about a career pathway they would like to follow.



## YEAR 10 EXPERIENCE OF THE WORLD OF WORK

In order for our Year 10 students to not miss out, we designed a 3-day experience of the work of work programme. On day 1 they dressed smart for a day in the office and engaged with virtual work experience videos tailor made for them by our careers and enterprise linked company 'MITIE'. In the afternoon of day 1 all Year 10 were offered a mock interview by a member of staff, governor, employer of member of the royal navy. On day 2 they had the opportunity to accompany a trusted adult to work for the day. On day 3 they returned to school and spent part of the morning completing a booklet reviewing their experiences with their peers and tutors.



## Y9 ENTERPRISE DAY

Year 9 students were off timetable for a day, working on a challenge set by Higher Horizons+. They had to design an event at a university to encourage teenagers into considering higher education in the future. They worked brilliantly in teams and presented to a panel of judges! Well done Year 9!



## SCHOOLS LATEST GATSY BENCHMARK RATING

BM	Jul-21	National
1	100%	21%
2	100%	45%
3	72%	20%
4	93%	38%
5	100%	52%
6	62%	47%
7	62%	21%
8	100%	57%

## WHO WE WILL BE WORKING WITH IN 2021-2022?

