



CAREERS 2021-2022 AUTUMN TERM

BLYTHE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

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CAREER ASSEMBLIES

All year groups received an assembly highlighting their priorities for the year regarding their careers provision. All assemblies were specific to each year groups agreed theme:

Year Group	Focus
7	Self-awareness and introduction to world of work skills
8	Skills for the future
9	Careers for life (to support options)
10	Employability and transferable skills
11	Future pathway and careers appointments
12	Developing skills for university, further education and successfully entering the world of work
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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Year 11 students had the opportunity to talk to all subject staff representing their areas for post-16 choices. Students were able to find out about different courses such as finance and politics. PVFC and NCS were present to inform students on the enrichment opportunities available to them in our Sixth Form.

WELCOME

What a busy term it has been. As a school we have worked incredibly hard in refining our careers provision and ensuring we are targeting students needs. All year groups received a careers assembly focusing on their year group theme. It has been exciting to work closer with some of our partnerships and create opportunities for our students internally and externally. The team of career champions across curriculum areas has grown and career sign posts have become part of everyday life here in Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form.

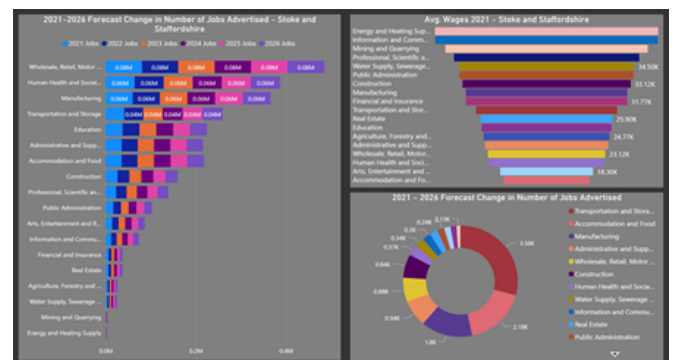
Mr Goodwin



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LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

The latest Labour Market Information (LMI) was shared with all year groups with information on how it could impact their future.



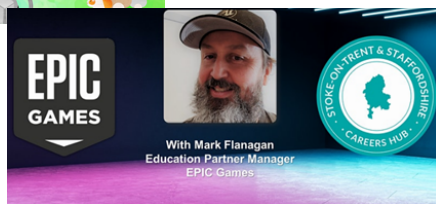
As the world changes, students are encouraged to look at LMI to raise awareness of where different job roles are needed around the country and what types of jobs may need more people in the future. In the next five years, the growth sector areas will be

- Digital
- Healthcare
- Logistics
- Construction
- Engineering

WEBINARS

As part of our new targeted approach to careers; using feedback from parents and tutors we have offered many webinar opportunities to our students:

- Accountancy
- Gaming
- Veterinary
- Hospitality
- RAF
- Social work



CAREER CHAMPIONS

Meet the team...

- Maths - Mr A. Simkins
- English - Mrs F. Townsend & Mrs L. Robinson
- Science - Mrs R. Hawkins
- MFL - Miss K. Bloor
- Humanities - Mrs N. Hughes
- PE - Miss E. James
- Dance - Miss O. Powell
- DT - Mr J. Li
- ICT & Business - Mr G. Broomhall



A big thank you to all the career champions who continue to provide many opportunities within their subject linking careers to their curriculum.

CAREERS INTERVIEWS



Clare Atkinson is employed by Entrust Skills & Employability Service and is a professionally qualified careers adviser with nearly 30 years' experience providing information advice and guidance to enable young people to make realistic choices about their education, training, and employment options.



Since September, Clare has interviewed over 50 Year 11 to support them in their decision making for post-16.

PORT VALE FOOTBALL CLUB

We were delighted to welcome Carol Shanahan OBE and Darrell Clarke to our school to officially open up the new gym. As part of their visit they kindly agreed to a Q&A session with our fantasy football students. Questions put forward by students included, asking Darrell what pathway he followed to become a football manager and Carol was asked how the club adapted its workforce to cope with the challenges of Covid-19. This was an amazing opportunity and we were very grateful to Carol and Darrell for agreeing to take part during such busy schedules.



Our partnership with PVFC has enabled us to expand our enrichment provision for sixth form students, and students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have also taken advantage of the opportunity to work with the PVFC community group. Students have been able to develop skills needed in the workplace and the softer skills of working with members of the local community.

STOKE CITY FOOTBALL CLUB MENTORING

Year 7 Students have been working with SCFC as part of their Stoke City Inspires Programme.



The project aims to develop confidence, and improve skills in problem solving, project planning, presentation skills and communication.

LEEK TOWN FC

Four of our students had an amazing opportunity to attend an organised football event by Higher Horizons Plus. At the event, the students would act as the media team covering match reports, interviews and commentary. As a team they initially sat down to plan their approach and prioritise when certain interviews were needed and organise timings of the live match reports. This opportunity supported our students in their ambition to pursue a career in sports journalism.



SPEAKER IN SCIENCE

Our A-level science students were treated to a visit from Sarah Fish, the former cytology lead biomedical scientist at the Royal Stoke University Hospital. Sarah provided some invaluable advice about careers within the NHS, how to get an application noticed and the expectations and responsibilities involved. Students were also given some expert tutoring on 'how to identify pre-cancerous/cancerous cells'. Our students made an excellent impression and showed some real potential to be the next generation of healthcare professionals - Watch this space!



GIFT WRAPPING AT PVFC

Year 8 and 9 students have been supporting one of PVFC's community projects in Christmas gift wrapping. Through the work experience students gained an understanding of how powerful teamwork is in the workplace. On the first visit, Year 9 students collectively wrapped 170 gifts in one hour. These gifts will be delivered over the Christmas period to families and young children in the community.



CAREER COMPETITIONS

Competitions with a careers focus were launched with Year 7, 8 and 9. There hundreds of entries and some outstanding results. Well done to all. In the Lego category there were over 50 entries in build a scene which represents a career!





YEAR 8 WORK SKILLS DAY

Year 8 students spent time together on a 'Work Skills' project for a whole day; focusing on developing their teamwork, communication, listening, presenting and problem-solving skills. Guest judges from industry included colleagues from Mitie, DWP and The Careers and Enterprise Company.



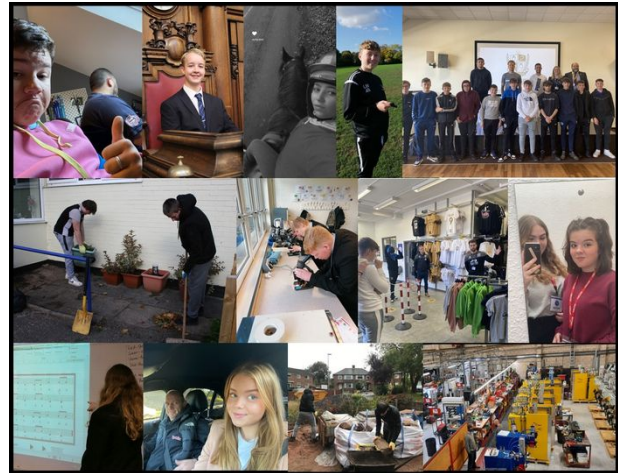
GARDEN ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Students from the garden enrichment programme went through the process of growing produce, harvesting it, making soup from the produce and selling it to staff. A great activity to teach entrepreneurial skills. Soup was also provided to the PVFC over 50s group and students supported in preparing and serving tea and coffees.



YEAR 11 OUT TO WORK DAY

Year 11 got to experience 'Out to Work' day which was cancelled for many last year due to Covid-19. Students benefitted from a vast array of experiences across a range of work placements and started to understand how skills gained in school could be transferred into the workplace. Thank you to everyone who took part.



Quote: I thoroughly enjoyed taking my daughter to work so that she could experience a real workplace and start to understand the difference from school.

OUR LATEST GATSY BENCHMARK RATING

BM	Mar-21	National percentage of schools achieving this benchmark
1	100%	27%
2	100%	52%
3	81%	25%
4	93%	45%
5	100%	58%
6	100%	52%
7	91%	30%
8	100%	61%

The eight Gatsby Benchmarks are a framework to drive improvement in careers provision and have been adopted as part of the Government's Careers Strategy and statutory guidance for schools and colleges. We assess our provision against the benchmarks which helps us target improvements in our provision.



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Preparing our students for the world of work and giving them an opportunity to fulfil their potential



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