

Careers and Work Related Learning Newsletter

Spring 2012

Welcome back to the new term. This is the second newsletter of this academic year and has been created to ensure all parents are aware of the events and opportunities available to their children. My role is to help and support pupils where necessary to make informed choices about their future.

In Year 9 this is giving initial support with subject choices and how this links with future careers. In Year 10 the focus is around work experience and other special events that begin to show pupils what options are available to them after they complete their GCSEs. Finally in Year 11 the emphasis is on ensuring pupils are supported and make decisions that are right for them. The advice is available but it is important that they know where and how to access it.

If at any time as a parent you feel you need some help to support your child please do not hesitate to contact me.

Andrea Illsley Co-ordinator WRL and Careers

Careers Advice - Hampshire Youth Service

This is our careers advisory service. We are linked to the Eastleigh team and our current advisor is **Steve Emery** who is in school two full days a week. He is currently planning interview appointments resulting from pupil questionnaires and staff referrals. This is predominantly with pupils in Years 10 and 11 to ensure they are prepared for their choice Post 16. However careers appointments can be requested by pupils and or their parents at any time. Priority is given to pupils who request interviews and pupils who staff feel may require guidance. If you feel your child would benefit from an interview please request one on their behalf by calling the school office.

Other information is available via the school library where there is dedicated section offering information about college courses in the area and guidance relating to specific careers.

I am also available during most period 5's in my office where I am available to answer questions pupils may have with regard to courses, work experience and careers in general. Please encourage pupils to use our expertise if they need to find out something.

My focus this term will be to ensure all pupils in Year 11 have a plan for their future when they leave us in the summer. For the vast majority this will be a college course but other options such as apprenticeships are available but can take time and effort to investigate and I am happy to discuss this route with pupils.

I will also be looking carefully at those pupils in Year 10 who are yet to return work experience forms or make decisions on a placement using the WEX system. A reminder forms and details of the process are available on the College website under Curriculum and Careers and Work related learning.



www.hants.gov.uk/youthtube

Special Events this Term

Year 9 KS4 Option Course Evening

Thursday 2 February

Steve from Hampshire Youth Service and I will be available to discuss and answer any questions you may have with regard to subject choices and future career paths. Please feel free to talk to us.



Year 11 Apprenticeship Information Evening

Wednesday 8 February - 5pm - 7pm at The Rose Bowl



Parents and pupils can attend this independent event organised by Alphi and find out more about Apprenticeships that are being offered in this area and to speak to apprentices about their experiences of this route into training and employment.

Year 10 Higher Education Event

Wednesday 7 March at Barton Peveril College



A group of 30 pupils will be invited to visit Barton Peveril College and meet with representatives from a wide range of Universities. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss future options, courses and to find out what completing a Degree is really like. Further details will be sent out via parent mail in the near future.

Year 7 and 8 Big Bang STEM Event

Tuesday 27 March at The Rose Bowl

An opportunity for 30 younger pupils to find out about all the exciting careers an interest in Science, Technology and Maths can lead to. Many companies will have interactive exhibits where pupils can investigate and explore whilst talking to the employers about their companies.



Other Important Dates

Year 11 College applications

A reminder that Peter Symonds application deadline has passed and interview dates and times are available in the library. Barton Peveril's official deadline is Friday 10 February and interview times will be issued soon after.

Applications for Barton Peveril should be completed online using their application process which is to be found on their website. Applications for other colleges should be sent direct to the college concerned.

College Application Deadlines

Barton Peveril – 10 February 2012
Eastleigh College - 31 March 2012

Other college's dates will, if applicable, be listed in their current prospectus. (Please note popular courses should be applied for early as they can be over subscribed)

Year 11 - College interview dates in school

Peter Symonds – Beginning Wednesday 8 February
Barton Peveril – Week beginning Monday 21 February
Appointment times will be issued nearer these dates.

Year 10 - Work Experience

All Year 10 pupils who intend to use the WEX online system should have logged in now and have made their choices. Remember these choices need to be printed off and returned to me authorised by a parent or guardian. Please ensure that they then check frequently for messages sent out by the WEX team.

Login: wex.s-cool.co.uk/learner

If they have not yet logged in and wish to do so the initial **password is 'school1'**. If they encounter any difficulty logging in then they should come and see me in my office during period 5 or ask their tutor to email me.

For own placements out of our immediate area (offline) these must be with me by 2 March at the very latest or WEX will not guarantee being able to do the necessary Risk Assessment/Health & Safety checks that must be done before a placement is authorised. **Own placements (offline) and Online applications using WEX by 30 March.**

These are final dates that Solent EBP has given to me and anyone not submitting placement choices by these dates may find themselves undertaking a placement that they have not chosen. If you are a parent of a Year 10 pupil please make sure they have organised their work experience by these dates. Any difficulties please contact me via the reception or pupils can come see me in my office.

College Open Evenings

Barton Peveril	3 May, 6 pm - 8.30 pm
Eastleigh College	15 March, 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Fareham	7 February, 5 pm - 8 pm 26 April, 5 pm - 7 pm
Hamble Skills Centre	15 March, 4 pm - 7 pm
Highbury	9 February, 4.30 pm - 7 pm
Itchen	7 March, 5 pm - 8 pm
South Downs	6 March, 6 pm - 8 pm
Sparsholt College	3 March, 10 am - 3 pm

Future Events

w/c 18 June	Year 10 Work Experience Preparation
25 June - 5 July	Year 10 Work Experience
6 July	Work Experience Debrief
9 July	Mock interview event

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» **Itchen**

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