

Careers & Work Related Learning Newsletter - Spring 2010

Welcome back after the Christmas break. This is the second newsletter 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

Connexions - www.hampshireconnexions.co.uk

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. 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 a 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 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.

Special Events happening this Term

Year 9 Thursday 14th January - An introduction by Stephen Shaw to the Diploma courses available to pupils in KS4. Time 7.00 - 8.30 in the main hall.

Year 9 Thursday 28th January - KS4 Option course evening. Steve from Connexions 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.

Years 10 and 11 Tuesday 9th March - Healthcare Science Event. A mini bus will be taking a group of pupils to this event. It is aimed at giving pupils an opportunity to explore the range of careers available within the Health Service other than becoming a Doctor or Nurse.

Other Important 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 is: wex.s-cool.co.uk/learner.

If they have not yet logged in and wish to do so the initial password is 'School'. 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 **5th 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.

The other important date is:

Own placements (offline) and Online applications using WEX by **2nd April**

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 see me in my office. I am only too willing to support pupils who are having difficulties securing a placement.

Year 11 College applications

Full details of how to apply for college places have been published already. A reminder however that Peter Symonds application deadline has passed and Barton Peveril's is Friday 12th February.

Applications for Barton Peveril can be completed online using their application process which is to be found on their website. Alternatively paper application forms can be obtained and sent direct to the college.

Applications for other colleges should also be sent direct to the college concerned.

College Application Deadline Dates:

Barton Peveril - 12th February 2010

Eastleigh College - 31st March 2010

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)

Future Events

Year 11 College interviews in school:

 Peter Symonds w/b 18th January

 Barton Peveril w/b 22nd February

Year 9 Friday 14th May - Countryside Live Event at Sparsholt

Year 10 Wednesday 23rd June - Work Experience Preparation event

Year 10 Thursday 24th June - Friday 2nd July Work Experience

Year 10 Monday 5th July - Work Experience Debrief event

Year 10 Thursday 8th July - Mock interview event

All years Thursday 15th July - Employability Evening for parents and pupils

 7.00 - 8.30

College open evenings

Barton Peveril - Thursday 29th April 2010 6.00 - 8.00 pm
Eastleigh College - Tuesday 28th January 2010 4.30 - 7.30 pm
Thursday 18th March 2010 6.00 - 7.30 pm
Fareham - Tuesday 9th February 2010 4.00 -8.00pm
Southdowns - Tuesday 9th March 2010 6.00 - 8.00pm
Sparsholt College - Saturday 16th January 2010 10.00 - 3.00
Saturday 6th March 2010 10.00 - 3.00

College Websites

Barton Peveril	www.barton-peveril.ac.uk
Eastleigh College	www.eastleigh.ac.uk
Fareham	www.fareham.ac.uk
Highbury	www.highbury.ac.uk
Peter Symonds	www.psc.ac.uk
Southdowns	www.southdowns.ac.uk
Sparsholt	www.sparsholt.ac.uk