



This newsletter has been created to ensure all parents/carers are aware of the events and opportunities available to their children. My role as Head of Careers & Work Related Learning is to help and support pupils where necessary to make informed choices about their future.

In Year 7 we consider the careers people do around us and then later in the year introduce 'Fast Tomato' which is our interactive careers computer programme.

In Year 8 we consider transferable skills that pupils will need for employment in the future and also support subject choices and advise on suitable combinations when a pupil has a particular career in mind.

In Year 9 we encourage pupils to think about their options in the future and what they could aspire to, linking this to academic progress and raising aspirations. We also help pupils who have specific queries regarding careers and providing information about a wide range of career sectors.

In Year 10 my work is primarily focused around work experience and other special events that show pupils the options that are available to them after they complete their GCSEs.

Finally in Year 11 the emphasis is on ensuring pupils are supported in making the right decisions for them. It is therefore crucial that pupils know where and how to access all available support.

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

Viv Powell – Independent Careers Advisor



We employ Viv as our qualified and knowledgeable independent careers advisor to offer specialist advice to our pupils. She supports the day to day advice that I am able to offer pupils. She is in College every Wednesday during the Autumn Term and can be found downstairs in R Block.

Careers interview appointments with Viv can be booked by pupils requesting them either through Mrs Illsley or at the main reception. Priority is given to pupils who request interviews and pupils whom staff feel may require guidance as a result of a questionnaire all Year 11 pupils filled in at the end of year 10. If however you feel your child would benefit from a formal interview please request one on their behalf by calling the College reception. Viv is also happy to provide a drop in service at break and lunch times to answer questions that do not require a booked interview.

Other Support

For a less formal chat some pupils will be called to see me or are able to book a session with myself where we can discuss plans and if necessary request a full interview.

» <http://www.swanmorecollege.co.uk/work-related-learning/>

Special Events this Term

Year 10 / 11 - Careers and Further Education Fair

Thursday 29 September

5.00 - 6.30 pm (drop in event for parents/carers and pupils) in the main hall. Local colleges, future employers and training providers will be available to discuss Post 16 pathways. Attendance at this event is very important for year 11 pupils but I would encourage year 10 pupils to attend too.

Year 10 - Introducing Work Experience

October

A special assembly will be held to give full details of this year's work experience and to issue the Parent and Pupil guide.

Year 11 - Fareham College Taster Event

Event Date TBC

Other Information

Year 11 College applications

Full details of how to apply for college places and the deadline dates have been given to pupils on their special event morning. A copy of the information given to pupils will be sent via a separate parentmail for parents/carers of pupils in year 11. Please note during October and November most colleges have open evenings. Full details of these open events will be forwarded to parents and pupils when they have been collated. It is very important that you and your child try to visit any colleges they are considering applying for.

» Barton Peveril
» Itchen

» Eastleigh College
» Peter Symonds

» Fareham
» South Downs

» Highbury
» Sparsholt