

Driffield School and Sixth Form Careers Newsletter, 11th January 2023

Careers Fair Success

Driffield School and Sixth Form welcomed students, parents and carers to our Careers Fair on Wednesday 30th November. This was open to all students and all parents and carers from every year group throughout school. We feel as a school that all students should access excellent careers education and the sooner they are aware of the vast range of fantastic future opportunities available to them, then better economic and social outcomes are achieved. There were 55 businesses, apprenticeship providers, colleges, sixth form, universities, entrepreneurs and volunteering groups exhibiting in a dynamic, fun, informative evening.

We are aiming to make sure our students are 'work ready' and learn all the employability skills recommended by the CBI. Mrs Mortimer, Co-ordinator of CEIAG, would like to thank all the fantastic exhibitors. It was a wonderful, dynamic, informative and educational evening. All exhibitors gave excellent high quality careers advice and made the event fun and interactive. Our thanks goes to Great Driffield Radio for the radio coverage throughout the evening and to the Wolds Weekly in continually helping spread the word about the importance of great, accurate, up to date careers advice. Congratulations goes to Will Lacy who won the £50 Amazon voucher for completion of the Student Careers Fair card.



Upcoming Events

BBC Careers Tour

Our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students will be taking part in the acclaimed BBC Careers Tour. We have the pleasure of working with a team of 10 representatives who will aim to ensure our students know more about careers nationally and locally. They will learn about why numeracy and literacy are so important in the workplace, opportunities in STEM and future careers. The BBC provide excellent online careers advice, for example how students can find out how their favourite subject can lead them to a job, they can explore careers by job sector, and learn about green careers and future opportunities. [Careers - BBC Bitesize](#)

Great Driffield Radio

Our school student leadership team led by Mr McDonald will be working with John Harding from Great Driffield Radio this month. Together they will be working on articles ready for the air waves. For more information about Great Driffield Radio please click on the following link: [Home - Great Driffield Radio](#)

Royal Marines Team Visibility Visit

We are fortunate that some of our Year 10 students will be working with the Royal Marines. They will be completing fitness practical's, learning about life in the Royal Marines and the Navy, and have the opportunity for a question and answer session about career opportunities, pay and conditions. For more information follow this link [Join The Royal Marines | Royal Navy Jobs | Who are the Marines? \(mod.uk\)](#)

Swift Group Ltd

All our students will be learning about apprenticeship opportunities available at the Swift Group Ltd as part of National Apprenticeship Week. The talks will be in House assemblies. They will learn about the Swift Academy and careers on offer at Swift. Swift Group Ltd are always looking for enthusiastic people that are willing to learn. They are a large business and have opportunities in many areas and can offer wide and varied careers and apprenticeships. Their core business is manufacturing caravans and motorhomes with around 80% of their employees involved in making components (in their machine shop, cabinet shop and GRP department) or assembling our products on the assembly lines.

They also have a diverse range of office based opportunities and recruit individuals with a variety of skills and experience to meet the specific needs of each department. Key areas include Design; Engineering; Supply Chain/Purchasing; Customer Services; Sales; Marketing; Finance; Human Resources, IT. For more information follow the link [Are you ready to come help us achieve our ambitious goals? \(swiftgroup.co.uk\)](#)

East Riding College

East Riding College will be visiting all our Key Stage 3 and 4 students this term as part of National Apprenticeship Week. This will be during House assemblies. Students will learn what an apprenticeship is, the different levels and types of apprenticeships on offer, they will learn how to find an apprenticeship suitable for their needs. Students will also learn about other opportunities at East Riding College including the new T levels. For more information follow the link: [East Riding College](#)

National Apprenticeship Week Monday 6th February – Friday 10th February

We are celebrating National Apprenticeship Week in school with employer talks, apprenticeship videos, teacher input, on the form programme, NHS ambassador visits. Students, parents and carers need to be aware of the many varied apprenticeships on offer and the levels including degree apprenticeships. At Sixth Form across all our Trust Schools, Mrs Barley has a specific apprenticeship Teams group and has been running training on finding an apprenticeship, how to apply and interview preparation. Our Careers Guidance Lead, Miss Robinson, has been running specific training on apprenticeships for our Sixth Form.

Please visit [National Apprenticeship Week](#) for more information. There will be live virtual talks all week shown on the website from national apprenticeship providers such as Bentley, National Grid, Network Rail, GCHQ, Tarmac, Ministry of Defence, BAE Systems, Construct, Zurich and many more. Please register for free before each talk.

Amazing Apprenticeships Parent/Carer Zone

We want all our students to know about all their future choices so they are well prepared for a bright future. The Amazing Apprenticeship website [Parent Zone - Amazing Apprenticeships](#) has some fantastic resources that you can go through with your child together. This includes hints and tips for parents/carers, free podcasts, resources for you child such as a step by step application guide, free apprenticeship films of many different sectors and apprenticeship fact sheets.

Talking Futures

Talking Futures have produced some excellent conversation cards, which can support parent and carers in having productive career conversations with their child about their career plans <https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/conversation-cards/>

Year 11 Free Your Choice Post 16 Option Book

Every child in Year 11 will receive a free 'Your Choice' book to help them make decision about their post 16 options. This book gives tips on the final year of school, if university will be a future option, advice for exams and revision, sector profile and labour market information. These will be given out in the Year 11 assembly.

Future Events

We are very pleased to be welcoming the highly successful entrepreneur, Kathryn Burn, into school to work with our Year 9 students. She is a previous TV *The Apprentice* participant.

Kathryn Burn is the owner of the clothing line 'My Christmas Pyjamas' and 'My Everyday Pyjamas'. Her clothing store is only available online, but they ship worldwide. Kathryn has established herself as a successful businesswoman after working as both a mortgage advisor and an events manager. She was a previous runner up on the popular TV programme *The Apprentice* with Lord Sugar. Our Year 9 students will be working with Kathryn in March during National Careers Week. More information will follow later in the term.

For National Careers Week we are also welcoming more employers and training providers in to assemblies, to ensure our students reach their potential and know about the full range of choices at post 16 and post 18.

Springpod

Springpod have a number of virtual work experiences taking place during February. Please click on the links below for more information:

[Journalism VWEX](#)

[Tv and Film VWEX](#)

[Technology VWEX](#)

[Psychology VWEX](#)

[Marketing VWEX](#)

[Graphic Design VWEX](#)

[Finance and Accountancy VWEX](#)

[Engineering VWEX](#)

[Business Management](#)

[Teaching VWEX](#)

To find out about further opportunities, please click here: [Virtual Work Experience](#)