

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break! It is great to see the students back at school again. Last term was very busy with trips out, sixth form interviews and visiting speakers, not to mention the snow storm that hit us during National Careers Week! There is a National Careers Week charity who, once a year, work hard to shine a spotlight on the importance of high quality careers education, but also provide opportunities for young people to engage in the world of work.

You will see from this half term's newsletter that we have a variety of industry experts coming into Wigmore to run workshops with our students who are interested in particular careers. This is a brilliant way for pupils to connect with professionals and learn about a variety of possible job roles or pathways into industries, including what, if any, further education is needed. If you think this is something you could also do, please email vausten@wigmore.hereford.sch.uk as we would love to welcome you here.

There is a section about virtual work experience with companies from Siemens to Airbus - if your child is in Year 9 or 10 please do use the links and take advantage of the excellent online work experience opportunities there are available.

Also, we have included some information about 'T-Levels' which we are all likely to hear more and more about as time goes on. T-Levels are most certainly coming to the forefront of options post-GCSEs. They are a new two-year course option equivalent to three A-Levels, suited to students who know what occupation they want to move into.

Finally, we have a fantastic 'Feature Alumni' this issue, where we hear what Jonathan Norris is up to up at the University of Newcastle! If you are in contact with any of our other alumni, we would love to hear from them.

Thank you for your support and - enjoy!

Victoria Austen
Careers Lead

WHAT WENT ON LAST HALF TERM?

Geneva Trip

27th March-1st April - Year 10 visit to Geneva which included guided tours around CERN, International Red Crescent and Palais des Nations, United Nations.



The Mock Trial

11th March - The Mock Trial at The Justice Centre in Worcester, then presentations at the Crown Court. Wigmore came 2nd!



Interviews

Years 11 students were interviewed by staff from Hereford Sixth Form College and Hereford College of Arts in preparation for September.



Guess the Teacher Game

Students were tasked with matching career profiles with the correct teachers. Information included what our staff had wanted to do back at school, what subjects and where they studied, and what they'd like to do next!



The Faraday Challenge

A group of Year 8s took part in the annual competition, promoting STEM careers. Our students won the round at Hereford, designing & building a prototype of a medication-delivering drone pod!



Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Year 9 DofE Bronze pupils have been organising their volunteering section. They have to volunteer for 3-6 months with a local charity or sports team, or for their local community. It gives the pupils real insight into jobs like coaching and management. The Year 10 DofE pupils have been finalising their Bronze award, ready to sign up for the Silver!



WHAT'S COMING UP IN APRIL & MAY?



Sound Team - 20th April

Andrew Boulton has a distinguished career as a Production Sound Mixer, working for the BBC, on major Feature Film & TV productions and as Head of Sound at the National Film & Television School. He is putting together a 'sound team' for any of our students interested in this side of production, working towards the summer show.



Local Authority Careers Assembly- 27th April

Kirsty Sheehan works for the Herefordshire Council and will be speaking to students about the local authority and key career pathways into a range of job roles within it.



FläktGroup Limited Assembly - 3rd May

An assembly about the exciting opportunities in FläktGroup's air technology innovation.



Careers in Business - 4th May

Our enterprise adviser, David Webb, who has had a successful career in business, is running a lunchtime workshop for our more enterprising students.



Careers in Policing - 9th May

PC Jo is doing a lunchtime workshop with pupils interested in the many careers within the police force.

Careers Links in Literature

As part of our 'Introduction to Shakespeare and A Midsummer Night's Dream', we get year 7 to write about their dreams and aspirations.

In Year 8, we'll be looking at Old English writing in the form of Runes. Professor J R R Tolkien made his career initially studying Old English (he was Professor of Anglo-Saxon at Oxford University), and then he wrote 'The Lord of The Rings'!... a nice example of how you never know where your interests will take you!

In Year 9, as part of our work on Steinbeck's 'Of Mice and Men', we'll be looking at 'The American Dream', which will lead nicely into a discussion of pupil future careers and 'dreams' of making their way in the world. (We'll also do 'a fire and beans' lesson, with marshmallows on an open fire... because, who wouldn't?)



LET'S TALK ABOUT VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE!

WHAT IS IT?

Virtual work experience placements are a great opportunity for our students to gain experience in the workplace. If your child is in Year 9 or 10, we highly recommend you read on and consider some of the following options.

There are a great range of companies that offer virtual work experience opportunities, including Pret-a-Manger, Siemens, Fujitsu, the NHS, Airbus, Team Heathrow, Specsavers, Meta and Barclays just to name a few.

[Click on the links below and sign your child up to an exciting work experience opportunity!](#)

Virtual, online or digital work experience helps our students to explore new industries and job roles. This could range from half a day to a week, sometimes slightly longer, all completed while at home.

The format can vary from videos, Q&A sessions, and online meetings, to project work, networking sessions and training opportunities.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Virtual work placements are open to everyone and location does not need to be a limiting factor.
- There are no travel costs required and the vast majority of placements are free.
- Students can demonstrate that they can work from home; being organised, managing their time and self-motivated. These are key skills for employers.
- These opportunities will help your child understand if a career is right for them. It will help them understand the workplace and make decisions about their own future.



Click on the links on the right and sign your child up to an exciting work experience opportunity!

Once you have done so, let us know at vausten@wigmore.hereford.sch.uk so we can hear how it goes!



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Studying your GCSE's or A-Levels? Considering a career as a Veterinary Surgeon?

15th MAY at 6pm

Our vets will give you an insight to life as a vet, in small animal practice. Their journey to & through vet school.

Try your hand at some simulated procedures.

Please call or send us an e-mail to book a place. 01432 366930. hereford@vets4pets.com.



Watch an exclusive webinar to find out more about the exciting apprenticeships in logistics with the RAF. Click [HERE](#).

Hear directly from both experienced colleagues and apprentices working in the RAF, who will:

- Give an overview of their apprenticeship programmes
- Provide insights into what it's like working for the RAF
- Outline the support available for apprentices
- Explore career progression opportunities

USE YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS TO KEEP THE UK SAFE



REGISTER TO ATTEND ONE OF OUR EVENTS



THE GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS – OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GCHQ, HAS ONLINE EVENTS FOR OUR BUDDING LINGUISTS.



APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENT

Holmer Road, Hereford, HR4 9SX

McKenzie Way, Worcester, WR4 9GN

Thursday 27th April 2023
4pm-6pm

No employers present at this event

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EARN WHILE YOU LEARN!

Accountancy

Business

Administration

Customer Service

Engineering



T-Levels - YOU MAY START HEARING ABOUT THEM!

BUT what are they?

T Levels are new two-year courses equivalent to three A levels. They launched in September 2020 to students in England. This means that after their GCSEs, students now have the option to study either T levels, A levels, a Level 3 apprenticeship or another equivalent qualification.

T Levels are based on the same standards as apprenticeships, designed by employers, and will offer around 1,800 hours of study over two years.

This will include a 45-day work placement, so T Levels will be more suited to students who know what occupation or industry they want to move into.

T Levels include compulsory elements:

- a technical qualification which includes core skills, theory, and concepts for the industry area
- specialist occupational skills and knowledge of the career
- an industry placement with an employer
- a minimum standard in maths and English, if students haven't already achieved this



How are T Levels graded?

Students who complete a T Level will receive an overall grade of pass, merit, distinction or distinction* and will be awarded with a nationally recognised certificate showing a breakdown of what they’ve achieved. It will also confirm that a student has met the minimum requirements for maths and English qualifications.

What T Level subjects are available?

The first three T Levels started in September 2020 in:

- digital production, design and development
- design, surveying and planning for construction
- education and childcare

From September 2022, T Levels started in:

- accounting
- design and development for engineering and manufacturing
- engineering, manufacturing, processing and control
- finance
- maintenance, installation and repair for engineering and manufacturing
- management and administration

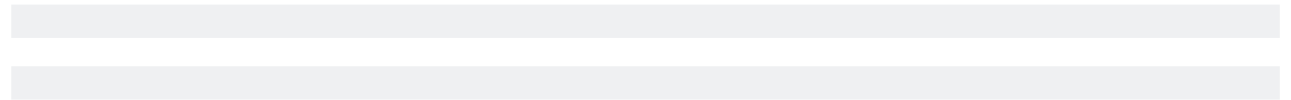
From September 2021, T Levels started in:

- building services engineering for construction
- digital business services
- digital support and services
- health
- healthcare science
- onsite construction
- science

From September 2023, T Levels will start in:

- animal care and management
- agriculture, land management and production
- catering
- craft and design
- hair, beauty and aesthetics
- legal services
- media, broadcast and production

Find out more [HERE](#).



WIGMORE HIGH SCHOOL

Feature Alumni

Jonathan Norris



Jonathan Norris is part of our Wigmore Alumni and is currently a Microbiology/Biochemistry PhD student (3rd year) at CBCB, University of Newcastle. We caught up with him about life after Wigmore, and are looking forward to welcoming him back at some point in the near future to visit our students!

So Jonathan, what did you do after leaving Wigmore High?

I continued education from 6th form, to undergraduate, masters degree and now (hopefully finally) a PhD!

How did your time at school help to prepare you for your current career?

Wigmore taught me what a PhD even was! I was inspired to continue with science and perhaps most importantly made me some of the best friends I could hope for.

What advice would you to new students starting Wigmore?

Don't be afraid to make yourself look stupid or silly. At the end of it all, you barely remember it. Ask those stupid questions and be a little silly.

What is something at school that you absolutely loved being a part of?

I really enjoyed being a prefect mostly because of a bit of responsibility. I also loved being part of a few friendship groups with people I cherish even to this day.

What do you know now that you wish you knew during your time at Wigmore?

There's a lot more world out there. And a lot more people from all over the world.

Which subjects do you recommend taking and why?

Obvious answer would be biology/chemistry/physics. Honest answer is whatever seems the most fun. Life gets a whole lot easier when you're doing something that you genuinely enjoy or find interesting. There is no subject that is worth less than the others, just different paths. I might even recommend drama because it seemed fun to me.

If you had it to do all over again, what would you do differently?

Probably revise for my exams better? Or more in advance. Revising is very much a personalised event. Everyone does it their way, or at least should. It took me a while to realise it was past exams that helped me the most. So learning that quicker would have helped.

What advice do you have for students as they look for future?

Either apply for what you think you'd enjoy most OR try something you might like, see how you feel, and try something else after. No harm in trying out different fields.

I am bad at planning. Plan for sure, but I'd say the important part is to be flexible. Things rarely work exactly the way you want, so be able to change and adapt.

Thank you so much to Jonathan Norris for being our April Feature Alumni! It is great to hear what an amazing career path you are on.

If you know anyone else who would love to join our growing alumni database, please get in touch!

TUESDAY 18TH JULY

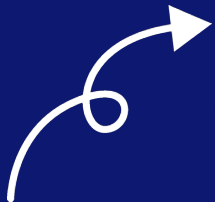
Year 10's Career Event

WATCH THIS SPACE

We hope you have enjoyed our third edition of 'Careers News'!

If any of you parents or carers feel you can contribute to our careers programme, we would love to hear from you. Perhaps you would be happy to come and talk about your own job to small groups of students interested in a similar career, or maybe you would let some of our pupils come and visit your workplace to find out more about different industries. Whatever it is, we welcome your experience! Feel free to email vausten@wigmore.hereford.sch.uk to get involved.

OPPORTUNITIES DON'T HAPPEN, YOU CREATE THEM.



**WE'LL BE IN TOUCH SOON WITH SOME MORE
'CAREER NEWS'!**

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