

CAREERS NEWS



WIGMORE HIGH

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

There's a lot going on with careers this term at school, from visiting sixth forms and apprenticeship providers to subject trips. However, last term our students were visited by:

- Clare Gilkes from the Department of Works & Pensions to speak to all students about the wide ranging jobs in the government.
- Emma Harrison from Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors to give an assembly to our pupils about various routes into law and positions within a solicitor firm.
- Alumni Jenny Bytheway & Dan Griffiths from Allpay, speaking to students about their very different careers paths after leaving Wigmore as well as work experience and apprenticeship opportunities.

We also held a Year 10 British Army Outreach Day run by a diverse team of soldiers handpicked from right across the Army, giving insight into the huge range of jobs students are able to consider in the future.

There was a Life After GCSE Evening for Year 11s to consider their next steps following GCSEs. Representatives from Hereford Sixth Form, Hereford & Worcester Group Training, Hereford College of Arts, County Training and Ludlow College were there to meet parents and students.

Our brilliant 'Feature Alumni' this issue is Felix who is now a Civil Engineer on the HS2 Project. We hope you enjoy reading his interview and would love you to get in contact if you know any alumni who can get involved too.

Enjoy!

Victoria Austen
Careers Lead

LAST TERM

We've been busy across the subjects!

PE - Kieran Hallam from Hereford Sixth Form came to talk to students about careers stemming from Physical Education.



RS - Clare Lloyd from Hereford Sixth Form College spoke to GCSE students about Philosophy A Level.

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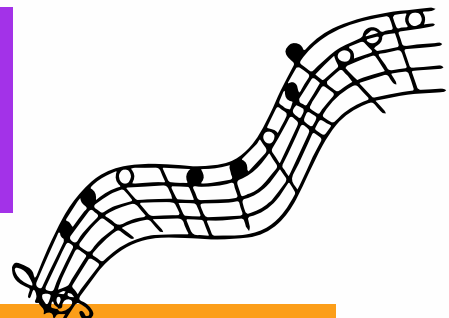
Maths - One of our House Competitions looked at the way maths in academia works to develop conjectures and then prove them.

Two teams of students from Y9 went to a competition at Lucton School, using problem solving skills but learning how the tasks are used in careers.

Geography - Focusing on careers linked to the topics being studied such as glaciologists!

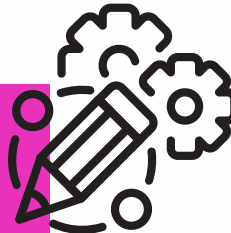


Drama - Year 10 GCSE students went to watch 'Amelie' at Hereford Sixth Form College, followed by a Q&A session with the students.



Music - Colin Hales, one of our peripatetic music teachers, spoke to students about music careers in the forces.

DT - Investigating contemporary designers and companies.



English - Focusing on jobs in journalism as well as film studies and advertising when focusing on language used in media.



Science - Students looked at a rocket launch and therefore careers in space exploration.

The KS3 House Competition was to make glider planes, linking to careers in aviation .



Languages - the GCHQ competition where teams from schools around the UK compete against each other to solve language-based puzzles and score points. The overall winners are then invited to GCHQ's headquarters in Cheltenham to receive their trophy! GCHQ aims to inspire language learning by encouraging students to discover their aptitude for learning languages.

Life Skills - learning about careers in farming and construction, as well as mental health nurses.



Art - Year 10s took part in the Meadow Arts Project, involving a director led talk on Station Approach Artists's work, a tour of Hereford College of Arts College Road campus and a screen printing workshop led by college tutors.

ICT - research into job roles, qualifications needed, companies and salaries linked to ICT.



Business - Year 10 focus on marketing and job opportunities within the industry.

THIS HALF TERM

- Phil Tranter, Deputy Principal at Hereford Sixth Form College, spoke to Year 11 students in an assembly about what student life looks like and applying to college.
- Justin Haines from Hereford College of Arts is also visiting to tell Year 11s what they can expect at the arts college, from a wide variety of courses and day-to-day life, to how to get a place for September.
- A talk from Nicky Scott at Herefordshire and Worcestershire Group Training Associates (HWGTA) to discuss apprenticeship provisions with Year 11s.
- These pupils also have the opportunity to learn more about their top subjects during a visit at Hereford Sixth Form College at the end of January.
- Year 10 are doing a community project in Art which will culminate in a public sculpture. Students will work with a professional sculptor who will lead a set of six sessions in school.
- Year 10s will be visiting the Herefordshire Skills Show to receive expert advice and guidance from local businesses and training providers, have 'hands on' practical experience at over 50 stands and have conversations with employers, current apprentices and further education and training providers.
- The Year 9 Options Evening on 8th February is a chance for parents and pupils to find out more information about the subjects they want to study at GCSE.
- Also in February is the GCSE Science Live visit to Birmingham Symphony Hall. 45 Year 10 and 11 pupils will hear from eminent science professionals eg. Prof Robert Winston. There will be series of lectures on jobs in Science.
- Mike Hughes, our Careers Adviser, is having one-to-one meetings with our Year 11s, supporting them in their next steps...



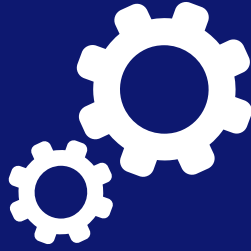


Year 10 Hospitality & Catering students visited Hereford & Ludlow College with Mrs Williams and Mrs Walker on 18th January to cook a three course meal, learning a variety of new skills and professional presentation ideas.



THIS TERM COMING UP...

Do Think!



Don't Think!

What am I good at?

I want to do what my friends are doing...

Year 9 GCSE Options!

HOW CAN I DECIDE?

What do I want to do in the future?

I really like my teacher...

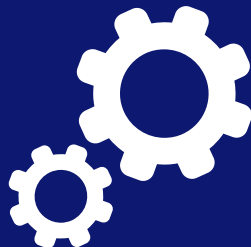
What subjects do I enjoy?

I think it will be an easy choice...



How can I achieve a balance of subjects?

My brother or sister took it...



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COLLEGE OPEN DAYS INFORMATION



- Walford College - 3rd February 10am-12:30pm
- Herefordshire & Worcestershire Group Training
- 13th February 4pm-6:30pm
- Hereford Sixth Form College - 8th February
5pm-8pm
- Hereford College of Art - 20th January 10am
- Herefordshire College:
- Holme Lacy College - 5th March 5pm-7pm
- Hartpury College - 3rd & 24th February
16th March
9am-1pm



WIGMORE HIGH SCHOOL



Feature Alumni

Felix Morris is part of our Wigmore Alumni and is a Civil Engineer on the HS2 Project.

We caught up with him about life after Wigmore, and are looking forward to welcoming him back in the near future to visit our students. Felix went to sixth form college after leaving high school and then University. He now lives in Aylesbury.

Tell us about your Wigmore experience.

I am proud of my personal development and also the grades I achieved. I loved being a part of the rugby team and sports days! I think if I could do it all over again, I would spend more time with the sports teams (aside from rugby).

Did your time at Wigmore help you in your current job?

Maths and physics gave me an appreciation for problem solving which has put me onto my current career path. I would recommend taking maths and physics later on - the subjects give you a good appreciation for problem solving as well as developing your knowledge of the world around you. Business as well - most if not all people graduating school will work for a business or be involved with businesses in some capacity.

Understanding the world you work in is invaluable.

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

Whilst grades can be important, fear of failure should never stop you doing or trying anything new.

What advice would you give to new students starting Wigmore?

Try everything, be prepared to fail and embrace those failures as learning opportunities. 5 years might seem like a long time, but school flies by. Make the most of it!

What advice do you have for students as they look for future careers or future programs to apply to?

Do what you want to do, because you want to do it. Don't follow the advice of family, friends or teachers if you don't believe in it. You'll be working for 40+ years after school, so try to get into something you love at the start.

Find your chosen career, open multiple types of ISA's and live frugally. Save as much as you can before you're 30 and don't be afraid to leave home to follow your dreams.

Thank you so much to Felix Morris for being our Feature Alumni! We really cannot wait for you to visit us soon.

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





- Wigmore High strives to prepare our students to make well informed decisions about their futures, equipping them with the tools and confidence to set ambitious career goals. Together we can achieve this by ensuring young people are aware of their skills, abilities and potential, as well as their options, opportunities and the world of work.
- It is important we provide strong provisions for this at school. To do this, parental feedback is invaluable so that we can focus on key areas for improvement and the issues that are important to you and your child.
- Please could you fill in this quick survey: [CLICK ME!](#)
- Your feedback will enable us to continue to develop an educational and supportive careers programme. Thank you!

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FUTURE, IS TO CREATE IT.’**

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