



OCTOBER 2024

CAREERS NEWS



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are once more in October! There's always a buzz at the start of the academic year with Year 11, as the focus is on their upcoming GCSEs, visiting colleges and apprenticeship providers and their one-to-one meetings with our careers adviser, Mike Hughes. Everyone is planning and working hard to reach their goals!

For the rest of the year groups, careers is integrated within classroom discussions about pathways from subjects, research homework being set and assemblies featuring visiting speakers. These all play a part in guiding our young people to make decisions for their futures.

It was brilliant at the end of last term having some parents offer to visit and support our Year 10 Careers Speed Networking event. It was of enormous value to the pupils and shows how much support there is for the school, so thank you to those of you who took part. 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.

Thank you again for your support - and enjoy!
Victoria Austen
Careers Lead



Last Term

‘The Apprentice’ – Kathryn Burn Visit

On July 16th, Kathryn Burn, finalist in Series 16 of BBC's The Apprentice, visited our Year 10 (now 11) students.

She started with an assembly about her experiences of the real world of business, challenges she overcame and the characteristics she has as an entrepreneur, being the founder and owner of 'Pyjamily' and 'My Christmas Pyjamas'. Kathryn then led smaller Q&A sessions with the different forms to give some top tips and guidance to any budding entrepreneurs or boardroom leaders.

Everyone loved Kathryn's visit and our pupils were left feeling inspired and motivated.



Our pupils visited the Edgbaston Campus of Birmingham University for the day on July 15th to experience student life, see what opportunities are available and explore the campus.



Careers Speed Networking Afternoon

Over 30 employers took part in our Careers Speed Networking Event where students interviewed them about their jobs and industries!



Earlier in July, our (now) Year 11 students had taster days at Ludlow College, Hereford Sixth Form College Hereford College of Arts and Herefordshire & Ludlow College.



Coming Up...



Whole school assembly followed by GCSE talks with James Price, alumni, BAFTA and Oscar Award winner!



Whole school assembly followed by Year 9 and 10 talks with Arthur Williams about his time as a marine and pilot!

Students enjoy careers 'Top Trumps' in the languages department!



Life After GCSE Evening



We are holding an 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 will be there to meet parents and students.



College and provider assemblies are being held throughout the term and applications have been started by our students!



Two of our pupils have already secured their places next year with more soon to follow - well done!



Do you know anyone?



Pupils at Wigmore from Years 7,8 and 9 who have a penchant for writing creatively have been meeting every Tuesday lunchtime to share their writing and have fun.

A society meeting starts with a general discussion as they eat their sandwiches at 12.35pm, and then do some 'stream of consciousness writing' to relax themselves into the session; they look at any writing they've been working on, and the meeting proceeds organically from there! They normally have a giggle by ending with 'each contribute one word' to a super short story.

Mr Preston would love to invite in guest authors and journalists who have turned their love of writing into a career. If you can help with this, please get in touch!



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COLLEGE OPENDAYS

Year 11s - go and visit!

October 2024

Thursday 3rd October – Ludlow Sixth Form College, 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Wednesday 9th October – Heart Of Worcestershire College, 5.00pm – 8.00pm.

Saturday 12th October – Hartpury College, 9.00am – 1pm

Tuesday 15th October – Herefordshire and Worcestershire Group Training (HWGTA Worcester), 4.00pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 17th October – Herefordshire and Worcestershire Group Training (HWGTA Hereford), 4.00pm – 6.30pm

Saturday 19th October – Walford College, 10am – 12.30pm

Saturday 19th October – Hereford Sixth Form College, 9.30am–12:30pm

November 2024

Saturday 9th November – Herefordshire and Holme Lacy College, 10am – 12noon

Saturday 9th November – North Shropshire College, 10.00am – 12noon.

Saturday 9th November – Heart of Worcestershire College, 11.00am – 2.00pm

Saturday 16th November – Hartpury College, 9.00am – 1pm

December 2024

Saturday 7th December – Hartpury College, 9.00am – 1pm



Wigmore Alumni

Rosie Robinson

Rosie Robinson is part of our Wigmore alumni and we were lucky enough to catch up with her as she embarks on her degree in Theology and Religious Studies at Oxford University.

Rosie, what are your best memories from Wigmore?

My best memories from Wigmore are mostly to do with the great friends that I made while I was there. High school is not always an easy time, and I was lucky to have a group of kind people around me. One memory that comes to mind is the school trip to Andorra, where me and my friend sat next to each other for what I would describe as a very character-building twenty-seven hour bus journey.

I was also very lucky to have some wonderful teachers - particularly my English teachers, who were always very passionate about their subject, and my Religious Studies teacher, who is one of the reasons I decided to take Theology at degree level.

What are you most proud of from your time here?

I'm proud of how hard I worked. I came out with some good GCSEs, despite the issues caused by Covid and the lockdowns, and I feel like I took advantage of the different opportunities that were available to me at Wigmore. I enjoyed a wide variety of my classes, and particularly liked art and playing the piano.

What sort of student do you think you were?

I think I was quite a focused student. I enjoyed writing and participating in debates.

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

If I had to do it all over again, I think I would have more confidence and not worry as much about my work. The advice I would give to someone starting Wigmore today is to be kind to yourself and treat this as an opportunity for trying out different subjects and skills.

Did you know your current job existed when you were at school?

Right now, I am an undergraduate in Theology and Religious Studies at Oxford University. I think I knew that courses like this existed, but I didn't know that I would be able to get onto one.

I also have a part-time job online, tutoring young people who want to improve their English. I don't think that I was aware of the wide variety of working environments that are available and how flexible some of them can be. I am able to take on as many students as I feel able to while continuing my studies.

What did you do after leaving Wigmore High?

After leaving Wigmore High, I went to Hereford Sixth Form college, taking Modern History, Philosophy and Religious Studies, and English Literature.

What advice would you give to our students who are looking to their future careers or future programs to apply to?

I would say that, when looking into future careers and programmes, it's always helpful to try and contact people who have experience in those fields to see if you can get an idea about what the daily experience is like. People are usually very happy to talk about what they do. Of course, it's hard to know exactly how you will feel about a career or programme without getting experience. Often, all you can do is try and choose something that you're genuinely interested in, and remember that you can always change paths if you need to.

How would you advise our students to plan for their futures?

I would advise students not to worry too much about having a fixed, detailed plan for their futures. I think it is best to follow your interests and keep an open-mind to any opportunities that may come your way.

Thank you so much to Rosie Robinson for being our
Feature Alumni! Good luck at University and please let us
know how you're getting on!

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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