



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was a busy half term before the break, and we managed to fit a lot in! But one real positive was the focus on apprentices thanks to National Apprenticeship Week. There seems to be a rather outdated idea that apprenticeships are somewhat short term and limited to particular industries such as carpentry or hairdressing, but that couldn't be further from the truth! There are over 1,500 different apprenticeship jobs ranging from the police force and working in the NHS, to programmes offered in the media or even parliament.

It is also worth knowing that people can gain their degree whilst working as an apprentice, earning a wage at the same time! So for those of you with children starting to think about those next steps, whether post 16 or even post 18, there are lots of exciting options out there in the apprenticeship world. Young adults can end up reaching exactly the same target, whether going down the A-Level route and then university, or cracking straight on with an apprenticeship. There are many points of entry too, and a huge variety of choice, so do take a look when you're considering those next steps.

We are lucky enough to have our first 'Feature Alumni' in this issue, where we hear what Rosie Robinson has in store for September 2023. If you are in contact with any of our other alumni, we would love to hear from them!

We are also keen to hear your thoughts on our careers programme and welcome ideas on how it could be developed. Also, if you have any questions about careers, feel free to email vausten@wigmore.hereford.sch.uk.

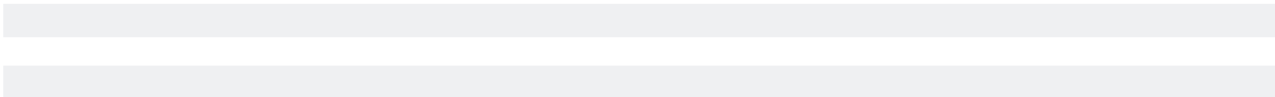
Thank you for your support and - enjoy!

Victoria Austen
Careers Lead

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON ALREADY THIS TERM?

Even though we weren't at school for the whole of February, we still managed to fit a lot in!

Year 9 Options Evening on the 9th February. It was great to see so many families come along to find out more information about subjects to study at GCSE.	
One-to-one discussions for Year 9 students to talk through their option choices with our independent career adviser, Mr Mike Hughes, and some Year 11s too!	
Mock Trial Competition preparation for Years 8 and 9. This kicked off in October but the final is in March! Being involved in the Mock Trial gives students an insight into lawyers, court staff, magistrates, witnesses, reports as well as court artists!	
Pupils in Year 9 were learning about green careers in Science this February, linking with the environmental and renewable topics they have covered within the curriculum.	



WHAT'S COMING UP IN MARCH?

Teachers are going to be giving out some 'Wigmore Wisdom' (a.k.a. careers advice!) over the coming week, but there's a lot in store this half term!



2nd March - Year 11 interviews at school (during the day) with staff from Hereford Sixth Form College, for all applicants who are intending to go there for their further studies.



11th March - Mock Trial at The Justice Centre in Worcester, then presentations at the Crown Court (the one that's always on the murder trials in the news)!



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



9th March - Year 10 & 11 trip to see Romeo & Juliet at Crescent Theatre in Birmingham. Anyone who dreams of a life on stage can see actors and actresses at work. This will also interest those interested in production.

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National Careers Week aims to promote the importance of good careers education in schools and colleges.

On Thursday 9th March, the whole school will be having a careers focused assembly. We will be welcoming guest speaker Kirsty Sheehan who is a Learning and Organisational Development Partner from Herefordshire Council to discuss career pathways.

Throughout Careers Week, we will also have the competition 'Guess The Teacher' running. Students need to match the career pathway to the correct teacher to be the prize winner! Who wanted to be an RAF pilot when they were younger? Who wants to still train to be a midwife? It's up to the students to FIND OUT!

There are a range of websites and podcasts to help you find out more about the jobs your child is interested in. Take a look at the links on the right to find out more.



Or better yet, go along to one of the events below!

- **BBC A-Z of Jobs**



- **The Parent Perspective Podcast**



Be the Difference
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Want a career that makes a difference?

There's a role for you in health and social care.

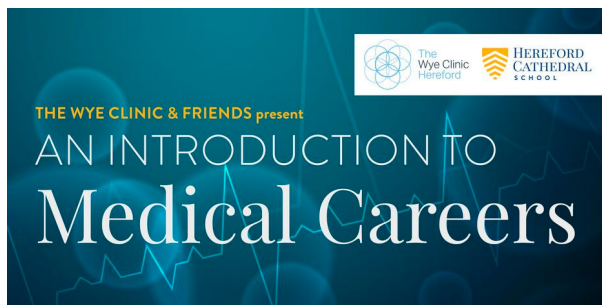
Visit our Recruitment Open Day to learn more about roles in your area - and find the one that's right for you.

We'll be offering the unique opportunity to interview for the roles you'd like (and even receive job offers!) on the day, so make sure you don't miss out - and don't forget to bring your CV!

8th March, 12pm-6pm
Three Counties Hotel
Belmont Rd, Belmont, Hereford HR2 7BP

Find out more at www.hwics.org.uk/our-people

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System



THE WYE CLINIC & FRIENDS present

AN INTRODUCTION TO Medical Careers

The Wye Clinic Hereford

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Wednesday 8 March, 6.30 - 8.30pm
Zimmerman Building, Church Street,
Hereford

With over 350 medical professions, it can be hard to know where to start. Our Introduction to Medical Careers, brought to you by The Wye Clinic & friends, is an opportunity to receive expert career advice direct from experienced clinicians.

The event is open to students from local schools in Year 10+ and is designed to help you navigate the range of medical career pathways and find the best fit for your future. The evening will start with a welcome and introduction from Consultant Ophthalmologist, Mr Simon Madge, followed by small group sessions with a range of expert clinicians who will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

• The Marches Hub Industries Information



<https://themarches.startprofile.com/page/regional-industries>

• Thinking of joining the Police Force?



Amazing Apprenticeships has launched a series of **new and exciting resources** showcasing the brilliant police constable apprenticeship opportunities available with the Metropolitan Police.

As one of the UK's biggest police services, the Met are looking for individuals with the right values and who want to make a positive difference to join as a Police Constable through its exciting apprenticeship programme. Working with the Met is a rewarding career like no other.

Those who join the Met's Police Constable Apprenticeship Programme will:

- Make a real difference to the lives of people every day
- Be a paid police officer from day one with a full range of support

Tickets

The event is **FREE** to students in Year 10 & above, and their parents. Please book 1 ticket per attendee on Eventbrite [here](#).

- Earn a starting salary of c.£33,500 with generous allowances
- Gain a fully funded BSc (Hons) Degree in Professional Policing on completion of the 3 year apprenticeship programme
- Have a range of opportunities open to them to progress their career in exciting roles that are hugely varied day to day

Join our webinar to find out more

Join the Metropolitan Police on **Tuesday 21st March** between **3.00pm - 4.00pm** to find out more about the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA). Suitable for students, teachers/careers advisers and parents/carers.

Click [here](#) to sign up!

National Careers Week

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'National Careers Week' has created a fantastic parent guide which will help parents and carers see what different avenues there are for students to go down. It is brilliantly put together, so do take a look!

Click [HERE](#) to see - it's worth a peek!

However, here are some highlights courtesy of nationalcareersweek.co.uk:

TALKING TO YOUR TEEN ABOUT THEIR CAREER ASPIRATIONS

1	Accept their idea of success may be different to yours <i>Their dreams and ambitions might not align with your ambitions for them. This can be disappointing, but let them walk their own path.</i>
2	It's OK if they're not sure on a career route yet <i>They don't need to make that decision right now. They do need to develop skills that will help them progress, and that should be their focus.</i>
3	Encourage them to turn passions into money-makers <i>They're more likely to be successful (and happier) pursuing a career in something they enjoy.</i>
4	Help them navigate their limitations <i>Not being academic should not be a barrier to success and there is usually more than one way to reach a destination.</i>
5	It's OK if they change their mind! <i>Reassure them that if they tell you they have their heart set on one direction, then later change their minds, you won't berate them for it.</i>
6	Encourage them to explore all their options <i>Help them plan out a route that focuses on their strengths. Different educational routes can often provide entry points into the same industry.</i>
7	Help them if they are struggling to look far ahead <i>Setting short-term, achievable goals will help them strive towards a long-term ambition.</i>
8	Empower them: they have control over their future <i>The decisions they take and what they do matters.</i>

CAREER PATHWAYS

The Parents’ Guide to ... career pathways

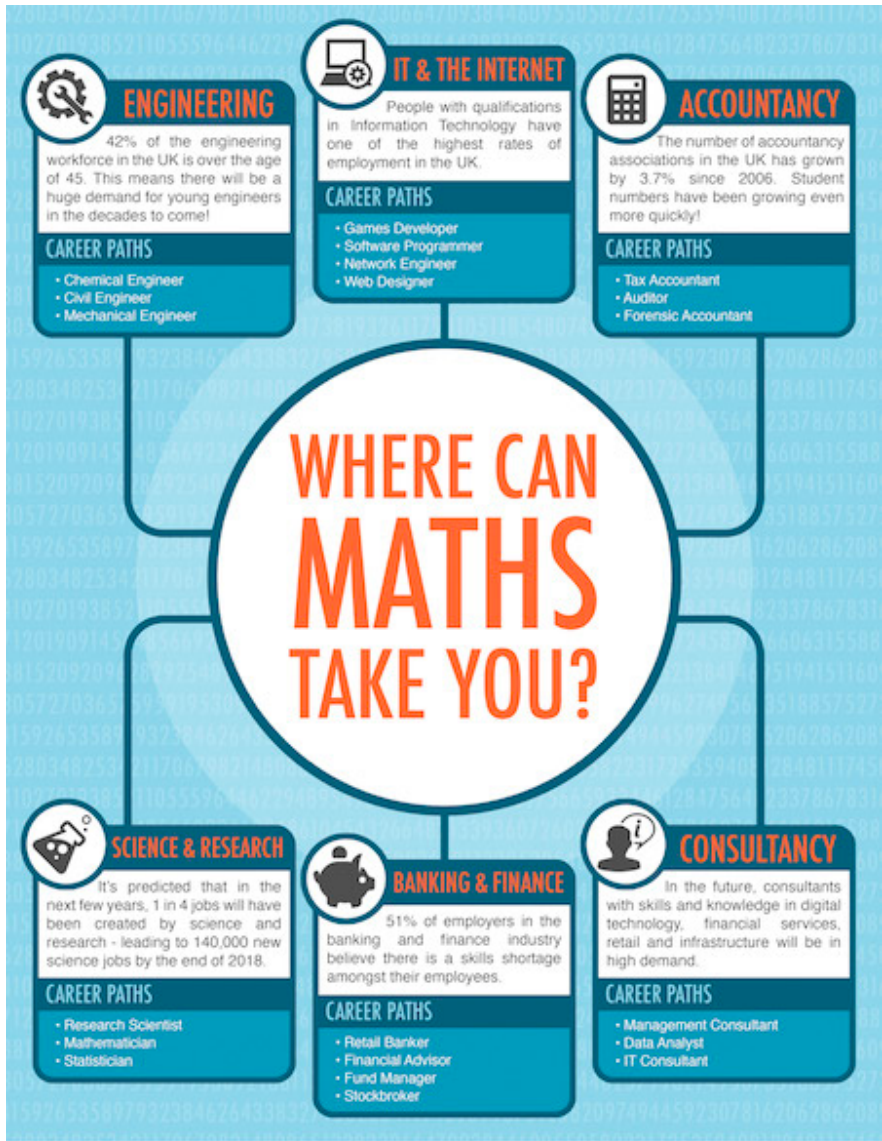
Options after GCSE:	Options after sixth form:	Options after Higher education:	Strengthen job applications with:
Full time study	Full time study	Full time study	Work experience
A levels	University	Postgraduate study e.g Masters degree or PHD	Volunteering
T Levels	Higher technical skill courses e.g. foundation degree, HNC/Ds	Work / work and study	Travel/gap years
BTECs	Work and study	Graduate jobs or paid employment	Hobbies and interests demonstrating soft skills
Other technical qualifications	Apprenticeships (levels 3-7)	Apprenticeships (levels 6-7)	Academic enrichment opportunities
Exam retakes	School leaver programmes / Internships / Traineeships	Internships / work experience	Testimonials and references
Work and study	Work	Non-paid employment / volunteering	
Apprenticeships (levels 2-3)	Employment	Start a business	Find out more:
Supported internships	Start a business	Other	 2022 - 2023 If you're interested in other ways you can help your teen gain the competitive advantage, mostly by doing things they enjoy - click here.
Traineeships	Gap Year	Gap Year / travel	
	Exam retakes		

EDUCATIONAL ROUTES

The Parents’ Guide to... Educational routes

Level	Qualification / educational routes				
8	Doctorate (PhD)			NVQ 8	
7	Masters degree (MA)			Degree apprenticeship / NVQ 5, 6, 7	
6	Bachelors degree BA or BSc				
5	Foundation degree FdA or FdSc		Higher National Diploma (HND)		
4				Higher National Certificate (HNC)	Higher apprenticeship / NVQ 4
3	A levels Grades A-E	International Baccalaureate	T Levels	BTEC (extended) diploma BTEC certificate	Advanced apprenticeship / NVQ 3
2	GCSE Grades 4- 9 (C, B, A or A*)			BTEC first diploma	Intermediate apprenticeship / NVQ 2
1	GCSE Grades 1- 3 (D, E, F or G)			Foundation diploma / entry level qualifications	Traineeship / NVQ 1
		Academic route		Vocational route	Applied / work route

Featured Subject MATHS!



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WIGMORE HIGH SCHOOL

Success Story!

Rosie Robinson



Rosie Robinson is part of the Wigmore High Alumni, leaving in 2021 to go to Hereford Sixth Form College.

Rosie has been successful in being offered a place to study at Oriel College, University of Oxford from September 2023! She will be studying Philosophy and Theology - we all wish her the best of luck and hope to hear how she gets on during her time there!

Well done, Rosie!

We hope you have enjoyed our second 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.

DO WHAT YOU LOVE AND SUCCESS WILL FOLLOW.

Passion is the fuel behind a successful career.

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

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