

Student Voice 2 Minutes - Careers

If you have an idea of a topic you would like to be discussed at Student Voice, there is now a Google Form to put forward the suggestion to try and make it easier for you. Follow the links to Student Voice from the Student Homepage of the school website and the Google Form is near the top of the page.

Notes	Summary and Actions (from Cabinet)
What career choices are you considering?	
<p>KS3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Medicine- Law- NHS- Tech/textile- Psychologist- Criminology- Acting- IT- Architecture- Sport <p>KS4/5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- New subjects for A levels e.g. Psychology not pushed as much as more common subjects e.g. science- Medicine, Sciences, Politics - wanted more talks about politics- Engineering, Armed forces - more speakers on that- Psychology - a few people talking about it	<p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Majority of people were considering Medical/science related courses/ jobs.- However still demand for a more diverse range of jobs like politics and the humanities.- Suggest more advertisement for the new and smaller A Level options (Psychology which no one does at GCSE) to help with choosing a possible career. <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Students should join the careers Google Classroom (joining code ttxj6ek) to be kept up to date with activities.- Cabinet will speak with Psychology and other subjects that are not available at KS3 to discuss wider publicity.

What do you find most useful way of careers advertising? (L4L, speakers, trips, others)

KS3

- Trips
- Speakers
- Youtube videos

KS4/5

- Sixth Form careers fair
- More people may want trips
- Trips and workshops
- Careers stands
- Interesting to see alumni coming in to talk about subjects, especially for more obscure subjects
- Talks about people who have careers in language
- Don't seem to mind the age of the speakers as older = more experienced
- Do we have a careers fair?

Do you find when they get younger speakers in it's more useful?

- Depends on the job (e.g. if an athlete, someone younger is better)

Summary:

- Trips would be more useful as they are the most tangible way to practically see the job and really get an understanding for the particular career.
- Possibility of a careers fair like the Higher Education Fair or just a careers stand at the Higher Education Fair.
- Talks about people who have careers in language as not that well known.
- Range of ages for speaker to get a better demographic and insight.

Actions:

- Cabinet have spoken with Mr Potkin - trips are difficult to arrange because of the logistics of so many options. However, if trips are happening (eg Ashridge and Aberdyfi in Y8) the people visited are asked to talk about how they got in to the role they are doing.
- Speakers can be arranged but in the past they have sometimes had low turnout - students must sign up to the Google Classroom to be kept up to date (**joining code ttxj6ek**).
- The Bucks Skills Show is the best careers fair around and to make one of our own is just not feasible in a short time frame (this opportunity was advertised for Y10 and above, only 18 students attended)
- Instead of a Careers Fair, we will have a careers week this year and bring in speakers to assemblies after Easter.

Are there any career experiences/ speakers you would like to have this year?

KS3

- Sarah Taylor
- An interior designer
- People from the school
- People in the medical profession
- Lawyers
- They would like some people that would tell them what they had to do to get to specific careers.

KS4/5

- Finance and budgeting - not Uni focused, general not everyone wants to go to Uni
- Wider range of speakers for Arts, politics and sports
- Universities abroad
- Samey speakers every year
- We used to have a session with a careers adviser - can this happen again?
- Higher Education Day is very uni focused
- Work experience

Summary:

- Large demand for Medical and Law experience.
- They would like some people that would tell them what they had to do to get to specific careers. So the necessary A Levels or GCSEs are taken.
- Speakers that are Alumni can be more relatable and tangible.
- **Finance and budgeting - not Uni focused, general not everyone wants to go to Uni. Particularly for Y11 and above.**
- Wider range of speakers for Arts, politics and sports.
- Universities abroad.

Actions:

- These suggestions will be taken into account when organising speakers for Careers Week.
- We do still have a careers adviser attached to school and she sees KS4 students on a rotation. KS5 students are always welcome to ask for an appointment if they feel they need one - do this through your Head of Year.
- The Higher Education day in Y12 does include non-university options, including apprenticeships and interview practice (non-uni based)
- School currently allows Y12 students to take leave of absence for a couple of days of work shadowing. This is usually more effective than a blanket week of work experience for Y10 or Y11. It also serves better as 'experience of work' rather than 'work experience'. Community Involvement has a slightly different focus - it is about giving back to the community rather than finding out about a specific field of work.