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**EDWARD PEAKE
CAREERS NEWSLETTER
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'LIVE, LOVE, LEARN'

"I WILL INSTRUCT YOU AND TEACH YOU IN THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO;
I WILL COUNSEL YOU WITH MY LOVING EYE ON YOU."

PSALM 32:8

Welcome

Welcome to our first ever careers newsletter and what better week to launch it than National Careers Week. This week, pupils will be learning about a whole range of careers, learning opportunities and the skills they will need for their futures. They will even get an insight into the careers the adults they work with every day had before they worked at the school.

There are also a range of resources pupils can access at home to start them on their careers journey. You will find links to these later in the newsletter.

We hope that parents, carers and pupils find this newsletter useful.

Get Involved

Thank you to our parents and carers who recently completed our survey around careers and especially to those of you who have volunteered to come into school and speak with pupils. Hearing from people doing different roles and what it is like to work in different sectors is incredibly inspiring for our pupils and we are hoping to give them as many opportunities as possible to hear from employers and employees.

If you haven't yet completed the survey you can find it here:

<https://forms.gle/ms5ojqoXCTex8t5p8>

Alternatively, if you would like to offer some time to come and speak to or work with pupils in school please email the school via careers@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk

National Careers Week

4-8 March 2024

National Careers Week

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March 4 – 8 is National Careers Week 2024 and this year's theme is **Your Future**. Whilst activities will be running in school, you can also access a range of resources outside of school.

Natwest runs a programme called CareerSense which helps pupils to understand the different paths then can take when making decisions about their future. There are also resources for parents available:

<https://www.mycareersense.com/>

For those interested in a career in the NHS, there is a career quiz which can help to identify which role may suit them:

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/FindYourCareer>

World Skills UK offers a range of on demand videos that shine a light on the skills for today and the challenges of tomorrow:

<https://www.worldskillsuk.org/careers-advice/spotlight-on-careers-video-resources/>

BBC Bitesize has a range of resources to support pupils in thinking about and exploring their options for the future:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>

One of the highlights of National Careers Week is their virtual careers fair. It goes live on 4 March. There is no registration required and no data is collected from pupils. There are lots of opportunities for pupils to explore:

<https://ncw2024.co.uk/>

The full parents guide to National Careers Week can be found on our school website: <https://www.edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk/statutory-information/careers/>

Supporting your child's careers education

Research highlights the importance of parental involvement in young people's academic and career pursuits. Those who receive consistent support from their parents and guardians exhibit higher levels of motivation, self-confidence, and career satisfaction. By actively participating in your child's career education, you provide them with valuable insights, encouragement, and a strong foundation to explore their interests and talents.

Getting Involved with Your Child's Careers Education

Open Communication: Initiate conversations about career aspirations and interests.

Explore Together: Encourage your child to explore different career paths by attending career fairs, workshops, and informational sessions together. Visit local universities, businesses, and community organizations to gain insights into various industries and professions.

Networking Opportunities: Connect your child with professionals in fields of interest through networking events, informational interviews, or mentorship programs. Encourage them to ask questions, seek advice, and build meaningful relationships with industry experts.

Encourage Volunteering and Work Experience: Encourage your child to participate in volunteering opportunities or, when old enough, internships, or part-time jobs relevant to their career interests.



Talking Futures



The Talking Futures project in England is a pioneering initiative designed to enhance careers education and guidance for young people. The project aims to empower students by providing them with the necessary skills, knowledge, and resources to make informed decisions about their future career paths.

Recognising the importance of parental involvement in students' career development, Talking Futures encourages parents to actively participate in their children's career education journey. The project provides parents with resources, workshops, and guidance to support their children in exploring career options, making informed decisions, and navigating the transition from education to employment.

You can access the parent toolkit here: <https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/>

Careers Support



BESA is the Bedfordshire Employment & Skills Academy. Run by Central Bedfordshire Council, they can support people with access to education and training to build skills that will improve employability, support career opportunities and enhance wellbeing.

They are also celebrating National Careers Week this week.

It's important to celebrate our career successes, goals and opportunities. Find out how BESA can support yours!

- Free Information, Advice and Guidance delivered by our National Careers Service, which offers 1:1 appointments for CV writing, interview skills, job searching and career progression. Appointments can be arranged online, or face to face across the county.
- Apprenticeships in business administration, the early years sector and teaching assistant support in schools. Whether you want to kickstart your career or look for new beginnings in a different sector, keep an eye out for our apprenticeship vacancies in partnership with local employers!
- Maths, English and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) qualifications accredited by City & Guilds. Choose from in-person classroom, virtual classroom and independent study options to suit you.
- Short online qualifications covering topics such as Safeguarding and Prevent, autism, early brain development, challenging behaviour, mental health first aid, and equality and diversity. Boost your knowledge and add to your CV!

You can find out more about BESA via their website: [BESA website](#)

TOP 10 DESIRABLE JOBS FOR TEENAGERS

Doctor has topped the list of jobs teenagers want the most when they're older, up two places since last year according to the annual BBC Bitesize Careers survey.

The survey, of more than 4,000 13-16-year-olds, also suggested young people would choose to work for the NHS ahead of companies like Google and Disney, as well as revealing the top 10 most desirable careers for young people.

Doctor has risen two places in the top 10 list compared to last year, overtaking engineer and teacher as the most popular choice. Nurse is also up four places to number five.

Working in the building trade and being an artist are new entries for 2024, while architect and computer scientist, dropped out of the 10.

Almost one in 10 teenagers chose doctor as their preferred profession, up 3% compared to 2023.

Rank	Careers
1	Doctor
2	Engineer
3	Teacher
4	Lawyer
5	Nurse
6	Vet
7	Footballer
8	Artist (new)
9	Police officer
10	Building trade (new)

TOP COMPANIES TO WORK FOR

When asked which company or organisation they'd choose if they could work anywhere in the world the NHS was the number one choice, ranking ahead of Apple in second, Google in third and NASA in fourth place.

Rank	Business or Organisation
1	NHS
2	Apple
3	Google
4	NASA
5	Microsoft
6	Police
7	Disney
8	Tesla
9	FIFA

WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU IN YOUR JOB?

More than eight out of 10 teenagers (84%) surveyed said they were confident they would achieve their career goals, although there was an increase in the number who thought their background played a part in them succeeding.

One in five (20%) said your background always affects your chance of getting the job you want, which has risen from just over one in 10 (13%) in 2023.

When asked what the most important thing about any future job would be 'Happiness' ranked ahead of 'Feeling good about what you do', with 'Money' in third place.

The survey, was carried out by Survation on behalf of BBC Bitesize Careers as part of their offering for National Careers Week.

Survey conducted by Survation between 9 - 22 December 2023.



CAREERS AT EDWARD PEAKE

As we continue our preparations to become a secondary school, we are reviewing, developing and improving our careers provision for our pupils and would like to make sure that we are providing pupils and parents and carers with information and experiences that would be of benefit to them.

As part of this we are redeveloping the careers section of our school website. Hopefully by the time we send out the next careers newsletter you will be able to find more information directly from this section of the website.

If there is any information that you feel would be of benefit to your or your child then please email careers@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk so that we can make this available to you via our newsletter, email or our school website.

We are also developing the careers team at Edward Peake and through our newsletters we will be able to introduce our Careers Champions to you.

CAREERS CHAMPION SPOTLIGHT



Name: Mrs Rodgers

Role in school: Assistant Headteacher, Careers Leader

Education pathway: After school I took A-levels at my school's sixth form then went to Manchester University to study English and Drama. I then went on to take a PGCE in English, Media and Drama at London Metropolitan University.

What did you want to be when you were younger?

A teacher or a West End musical star!

Did you have another job before working in school?

Yes, I had lots of different jobs when I was in sixth form and at university from working in retail jobs to factory production lines. My main job before becoming a teacher was as a theatre technician, setting up the lights and sound in theatres and supporting backstage during shows.

Worst job you've ever had?

Working on a production line packing cat food- it was really hot and stinky!

Best thing about your current job?

Definitely the pupils I work with. When they get something right that they have been finding difficult and you can see the pride on their faces.

At a glance

Born: Nottingham

Worked at EP for: 13 years

Favourite food:

Pizza

Favourite music:

80s pop

Favourite Film: Back to the Future

Favourite subject at school: English

THANK YOU

We hope you have enjoyed our first careers newsletter #TeamPeake.

Check out our careers page to learn more about how we support our learners for the future



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