



# Careers Newsletter Autumn 2019

## Post 16 Options evening

27 sixth form colleges and training providers attended our post 16 options evening, providing year 11 students and their parents with a wealth of information on courses our students can do when they leave Oathall. Following short talks from Mrs Isley (types of qualifications), Mrs Ferros (how to apply to college) and Rachel King (apprenticeships) students and their parents were able to speak to college representatives and collect relevant information and prospectuses.

The evening was very well attended.

## Careers interviews

During October and November Mrs Ferros has provided all of year 11 an individual interview to give personalised advice on colleges and Post 16 options.



## LRC Careers section

Our fabulous library has a huge range of careers related books as well as Prospectus' for local sixth form colleges and Universities. A fantastic resource for our students.



## Haywards Heath College -

<http://www.haywardsheath.ac.uk/>

Chichester college group has confirmed Haywards Heath College is opening in September 2020. Year 11 and their parents have had information delivered directly from the new principal Paul Riley and many have attended the College open days on the Harlands Road site.

Their next open event will be on Tuesday 11th February 2020 between 4.30 pm and 7.00 pm. This will give another opportunity for students, parents, carers and teachers to visit for the first time or to visit them again. They are hoping to be able to open up other areas of the campus including the theatre and to have more of a focus on the student experience and potential new academies e.g. STEM and sport.

## Dare to Dream Assembly - Jack the Lad

Jack Hayes from LoveLocalJobs.com (AKA Jack the Lad formerly radio DJ on Southern and Heart FM) gave an inspirational and highly motivating talk today to our Year 11 students, at the end of a busy term of 16+ Options Evening, individual careers interviews and GCSE mocks.

In his own engaging style, he talked of his own career journey from humble beginnings and a difficult school life to grasping opportunities with both hands (and even his bare feet!) to follow his dreams and become the UK's longest serving radio presenter on the same show for over 15 years.

The key messages for our Year 11 students were to “dare to dream big”, focus on who you are and what you are good at - avoid following friends and other influences, being kind and respectful to others and the importance of self-belief and resilience to keep trying to achieve what's important to you. Hearing how other famous people have done this to reach the heights of their professions was truly inspiring.

A perfect way to end the term for our students, and we hope to take these ideas forward in supporting our pupils before they move on to the next stage of their education.

We would highly recommend this talk for Year 11s or any secondary-aged pupils.

It was an absolute pleasure to meet Jack, a truly honest, down to earth gentleman who we will definitely be inviting back to inspire other year groups.



Thank you Jack!

## **Next Term:**

### **Year 9 Options Evening**

Wednesday 29th January is Year 9 Options evening for all year 9 students and parents. The evening will provide an opportunity for students and parents to talk to subject teachers about their GCSE options.

### **Year 9 Careers Speed Dating**

On Friday 31st January 2020 we will be hosting our annual careers speed dating for all our year 9 students. This event allows students to find out more about the world of work by talking to people from a variety of professions, which is a very useful way of learning about career choices.

We aim to host around 25 volunteers who will talk to several small groups of students about their various roles and career journeys.

### **College Interviews**

Following their college applications, Year 11 students will be invited to attend college interviews. Interviews for Collyer's and Haywards Heath college will take place here at Oathall, any others will take place at the individual colleges.

### **Careers Assemblies**

In February a representative from a local construction company will be presenting an assembly for all our year 10 students with regard to careers in construction.

Jack the Lad will be returning to deliver another Dare to Dream assembly to our Year 9 & 10 Students later this term.

Also this term a representative from the RAF will be delivering a presentation to our Year 10 students with regard to the range of careers in that sector.