



# Careers Newsletter Spring 2020

## Haywards Heath College - Latest news

Haywards Heath College are now offering a Step Up Level 2 Programme starting in September 2020. This is an NCFE Occupational Studies Diploma and is designed for students who have not yet met the entry requirements for studying advanced level courses in colleges.

Please see their website for full details: <http://www.haywardsheath.ac.uk/>



## College Interviews

Year 11 students have been attending interviews for courses at the colleges listed below:

Haywards Heath  
Collyer's  
BHASVIC  
Varndean  
St Pauls  
Brighton MET  
Crawley  
Plumpton  
BIMM

Feedback from these interviews has been very positive, particularly with regard to the social skills our students have developed, so well done year 11s!

Almost half of our year 11s have applied to Haywards Heath college and we eagerly await the opening in September 2020!

There is still time to apply to some of these colleges for those students who have not yet applied!  
Please check websites for full details.

We appreciate this is a very unsettling time for this year group, with the school closure and cancellation of exams. We urge any year 11s who have questions or concerns to get in touch with their Head of House.

## Year 9 Options Evening

Year 9 students and their parents were able to talk to teachers of option subjects to help them decide which subjects to take for their GCSEs. This was an exciting and informative time for our students, particularly as they were able to find out about our new subjects:- Psychology and Health & Social Care.

## Year 9 Careers Speed Dating



Year 9 students at Oathall Community College took part in our annual Careers Speed Dating event in January, during which they had the opportunity to speak to local business representatives.

This event is organised to inspire our future workforce about real jobs and give them an insight into a wide range of different employment opportunities. They also had the opportunity to practise those all-important communication skills, and hopefully dispel some myths and challenge gender stereotypes. This event complements the year 9 options process and students' feedback is always very positive.



In small groups students were able to meet and learn about the occupations of each of our 23 visiting professional guests representing a wide range of employment sectors including banking, engineering, surveying, publishing, editing, veterinary, uniformed services, solicitors, sport and more.

One of our attending guests commented on how engaged and enthusiastic the students were with lots of them coming up with their own questions, rather than sticking to those on the sheets provided.

We are extremely grateful to all the business professionals for giving up their time so generously to support our students. It was especially pleasing to see so many enthusiastic volunteers, including those that regularly attend as well as several new willing participants.



## Careers Assemblies

In February, Emma Shakespeare and members of her team from Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd kindly presented a very interesting and informative assembly for all our year 10 students with regard to careers in construction.



This provided our students with an insight into the many different job roles involved in (or linked to) the world of construction and how to get there (apprenticeships/college/university):- Builders, Architects, Structural Engineers, Environmental Engineers, Lighting Engineers, Acoustic Engineers, Fire Engineers, Security Engineers, Quantity Surveyors, Project Managers, Archaeologists, Estate Agents etc.



## Home learning

Each year group has their own 'Work related learning' Google Classroom and all related information is being shared with students. If students have any questions related to college applications, references or anything else related to careers and work related learning they can email Mrs Ferros on [kferros@oathall.org](mailto:kferros@oathall.org) or Mrs Isley on [disley@oathall.org](mailto:disley@oathall.org)

Keep safe.

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