



Careers Newsletter Summer 2020

Latest News

Good news....Mrs Isley has achieved a Postgraduate Award (Level 7) in Careers Leadership from Warwick University. The qualification was funded by the Careers and Enterprise Company and has meant lots of study for Mrs Isley which has kept her busy during lockdown. Well done Mrs Isley!



The Careers office has moved! Mrs Ferros can now be found in one of the offices behind reception. If you need Careers advice or anything related to 6th form opportunities, apprenticeships etc please contact Mrs Ferros (kferros@oathall.org). Mrs Isley has also moved and can be found in S1 from September.



Year 10 (year 11 in September)

As a result of legislation introduced in September 2013, the law now requires that once young people have left school at the age of 16, they must then do one of the following until they're 18:

- stay in full-time education, for example at a college
- start an [apprenticeship](#) or [traineeship](#)
- spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, while in part-time education or training

Once the Autumn term begins in September, Year 11 will start the process of applying for sixth form opportunities almost straight away. As part of this we have our annual post 16 opportunities evening planned for 24th September, during which year 11 students and parents will have the opportunity to talk to local colleges and other training providers. Please note, due to the current circumstances, we are currently unsure what the format will be for this event, but we will keep you informed.

Students will have individual Careers meetings in the Autumn term with Mrs Ferros to help guide them with their college applications and provide them with information. College open days are advertised within the Post 16 opportunities booklet students will receive as well as on their Work related learning Google classroom.

Applications to colleges are normally completed by Christmas via the individual college websites. A link to these websites can be found on the school website:

<https://www.oathall.org/learning/careers/college-websites/>

Applying to 6th form colleges can be both an exciting and daunting task. Please be reassured that students will receive as much help and guidance as they need by both the Careers team and their tutors. Please contact Mrs Ferros with any questions.

Haywards Heath College

Haywards Heath College will be opening in September and recently held a virtual open event including a presentation from the Principal, Q&A session and virtual tour, which is now available to view on their website:

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

NHS careers

Has your son/daughter been inspired by our wonderful NHS during this pandemic? The NHS have a fantastic website on Careers within the NHS and the range of opportunities available is incredible.

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



New KS4 Courses

The Science department is introducing two new courses for KS4 in September. GCSE Psychology and BTEC Health and Social Care. Local labour market information shows these courses will be good for students in preparing them for future careers and giving them skills for this growing area of the jobs sector.

Coronavirus

As the Coronavirus pandemic continues to change our lives in unpredictable ways our students have unfortunately lost out on some of the Careers opportunities that had been organised for them. The take your child to work day (year 8) and work observation days (year 10) were examples of such events. Unfortunately we are unable to rearrange these until we know what the future holds. However, the Work related learning Google classrooms have been populated with some excellent virtual work to continue student's careers education. This includes the fantastic 'Career of the fortnight'. These can also be seen on our website.

<https://www.oathall.org/learning/careers/career-of-the-fortnight>

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 or Mrs Isley on disley@oathall.org

Keep safe.

Mrs Ferros

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