

Careers Newsletter Spring 2021

Welcome to our latest newsletter and the latest careers news.

Year 11

Year 11 have been busy applying for sixth form colleges and apprenticeships and attending virtual 'Course Guidance Meetings'. Mrs Ferros has also been very busy completing references for applications. We are hoping that when COVID restrictions are relaxed local colleges will be able to open their doors for tours and open days to allow students to make a more informed decision on where they would like to attend. Any questions with regard to sixth form applications should be directed to Mrs Ferros by email: kferros@oathall.org.

East Sussex Careers Hub Youtube Channel

The East Sussex Careers Hub has produced a number of videos and training sessions to support teachers, students, parents and carers. These are all available on the Careers Hub Youtube.channel. Students can watch 'Skills toSucceed' videos and hear employers talk about their career journeys in a number of sectors, including the NHS, construction, creative and digital, finance and law.

Link can be found here.

Springpod

This website provides a range of virtual work experience programmes. These are free and most of them take place over the Easter holidays so are well worth a look!

Virtual Work Experience Programmes

Career Days

The website below also provides virtual work experience opportunities, but there is a fee.

https://www.careerdays.co.uk/

Make the Future Yours!

The first issue of a new Careers magazine, **Make the Future Yours!** has just been published, in both digital and print formats. It is aimed at helping young people find a direction and assisting them make those all important decisions about their future.

Careers Corner

We are excited to announce the arrival of Careers Corner to the library! Mrs Perrin has been busy cataloging our new collection of careers books and creating a quiet corner where students can carry out any careers/college research. We have a large selection of college prospectuses students are welcome to take away or just flick through at their leisure.

Thomas Bennett Community College

Thomas Bennett Community College (with Chelsea FC Foundation) in Crawley provides full time provision for girls and boys aged 16-19 combining education with football in association with Chelsea FC Foundation. They offer a wide range of academic provision from 3 A-Levels to Sports Coaching Vocational programmes.

Please see website and video below for more information.

https://www.thomasbennett-tkat.org/

Promotional Video

DV8 Sussex has some good news! Please see their message below:

We are incredibly proud to announce that we received a grading of "significant progress" on our latest OFSTED monitoring visit. This is the highest grade that Ofsted can award.

The report stated that "Leaders and managers have an accurate understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the provision and use this to bring about improvements", and that "staff know their students" and "students benefit from high-quality teaching".

Jim Sharpe says what is exciting about Dv8 is that it is different to the majority of colleges. "We are a small college, with classes limited to 12 students, that prides itself on providing a friendly, supportive environment for all our students, whatever their previous experience in education. This has enabled us to continue to provide close support to all our students during lockdown and ensure that everyone is being well looked after and is continuing to make progress".

We are entirely grateful to our students, staff, parents and everyone else involved in our community who make Dv8 such an incredible environment to be.

https://www.dv8sussex.com/

Parents/Carers Volunteers

Would you like to get involved in our careers programme? We have a brilliant Alumni network, but would also like to reach out to parents/carers of our students. We would welcome any careers related support you could offer, for example talking to groups of students about your current job role (or previous role/s), CV writing/job applications/interviews skills workshops etc

If you would like to offer any support, please email: <u>careers@oathall.org</u> or you can contact us via LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/school/oathall-community-college/

We hope you all have a very Happy Easter!

Stay safe.

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