



**King Edward VI School**

## **Parent/Carer Careers Update – Spring Term 2021**

**“The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential...these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence”**  
*(Confucius)*

Dear Parent/Carer

Spring is in the air and it's been wonderful to see life return to King Edward VI School. Careers learning is gaining pace, especially as I am now able to share information and opportunities in careers with all Year groups via MS Teams (see below).

In our increasingly virtual world, educational/training organisations and employers are enhancing their information with online resources. Virtual work experience has also become more popular and adds a new dimension to learning about employability skills. To reflect these advances, we have added related pages to our Careers website (see below for details).

**Here is a summary of our Careers activities this term:**

**Careers Assemblies** for all Year groups

During National Apprenticeship Week (8-12 February 2021) bespoke careers assemblies were streamed for each Year group on MS Teams (11 February 2021). The narrated assemblies included information on careers learning, the importance of self-awareness (interests, strengths and goals) and a guide to using Xello (our careers platform) and completing the assigned Year group lesson(s) for this term.

Year 9, 10 and 11 students were shown where to research career and educational information, as well as links to alumni careers interviews, in Xello – to support Year 9 GCSE options choices and offer Years 10 and 11 a broader view of their post-16 options. Years 10 and 11 were given additional information about apprenticeships and set an Apprenticeship Quiz on MS Teams to test their knowledge. I'm sure many were surprised to know that the **first National Apprenticeship Scheme was introduced in 1563!**

**National Careers Week (NCW) (1-6 March 2021)**. With the spotlight on careers and our future, we shared the NCW short film, [HOPE](#) with all our students (streamed on MS Teams). This film records the thoughts, feelings and fears of our children about what their future might look like in a post-pandemic world... and leaves us with an overriding sense of resilience and optimism about creating the world we would like to see.

We highlighted the week by adding a [National Careers Week](#) section on the Careers page. The page brings together a number of resources to explore careers and learn about employability skills. Each day saw the addition of a new spotlight on careers, including banking, careers at sea, NHS and Armed Forces, clean energy and the creative industries.

### Upgrading our Careers Website



In addition to the NCW section, we have added the following sections to the Careers page [KEVI Careers](#) on the main school website this term:

- [Apprenticeships/ Job vacancies](#)
- [Higher Education \(HE\)](#)
- [Virtual Work Experience](#)

We will continue to add more information, links to useful resources and the latest news, so please visit our Careers page regularly to check the latest posts and other sections that may be of interest to you.

### Easter Health & Care Academy (14-18 years)

Students in Years 9-11 have been offered the chance to join the Suffolk and North East Essex [Health and Care Academy](#) this Easter. The Academy offers a free virtual course from 29 March - 1 April 2021 for students in Years 9-11 (14 years and over). The daily sessions will give students an insight into careers such as Midwifery, Mental Health, Ambulance Service, Nursing, Health Care Assistant and GP, as well as information on degree courses available at local universities and the careers these courses can lead to.

The deadline for the Easter Academy was 23 March, but if your child has missed this one, the Academy runs similar programmes throughout the year and I will inform them of further opportunities in the future.

## National Citizen Service (NCS) programme for Year 11 students

NCS is a programme designed to help young people (16 and 17 years old) develop self-belief, confidence and life skills to achieve their future goals. This summer, NCS are offering a 2-week non-residential programme and a 3 week, 4-night residential programme for young people to build skills in teamwork, leadership and engage in a range of fun activities. Year 11 students have been sent links on MS Teams to watch a new video produced by NCS participants and visit the NCS website. NCS participation is great to add on a CV and to talk about the skills learned at interview.



[Click on this link to watch the Parents and Carers NCS video](#) above and find out more about how this programme can help your child. Places are limited, **so prompt sign up is recommended.**

*I hope this information is useful to you. Should you have any Careers related questions or comments about our provision, please email me at: [ahn@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:ahn@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)*

I wish you all a very **Happy Easter!**

Until next term...



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