



King Edward VI School

Parent/Carer Careers Update: **Spring Term 2022**

“Your unique gifts hold the key to finding your true purpose”

Dr Greg Kushnick, Voice of Motivation

Dear Parent/Carer

The Careers spotlight this Spring term was focused on our students' aspirations... encouraging them to think about where their interests, skills and talents fit into the evolving world of work. It has been an extremely busy term with the delivery of a series of assemblies on Labour Market Information (LMI) and employability skills, our annual (*in-person*) Careers Fair, the promotion of [National Apprenticeship Week 2022](#) and [National Careers Week 2022](#), *Stress Less* sessions for students in Years 10 and 11...and setting additional assignments in Xello!

KEVIS Annual Careers Fair

(all Year groups)



On 16 March we welcomed 22 local and national employers and organisations into our Library and Foundation Room to inspire and encourage our students to explore their career options *in person*! Our [participants](#) included Archaeologists, our Armed Forces, Accountants, British Sugar, FE Colleges, NHS, Property Management companies, Solicitors and many more. All students in Years 9-11 visited the Fair during their morning sessions whilst Year 7 and 8 students were invited to explore the Fair during morning break and lunchtime.

The event was incredibly successful with staff highlighting students' enthusiastic discussions about careers after their visit. The feedback from our stand holders was also overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on our students' great questions and their high level of engagement. We felt very proud!



Careers Assemblies (all Year groups)

During Extended Tutorial Week (ETW) in March, I delivered a series of assemblies to students in all year groups about the evolving world of work (LMI), how they can support their understanding of LMI by using Xello and for Years 9-11,

information on Post-16 options (college, apprenticeships, T-Levels etc.) alongside careers resources for National Apprenticeship Week 2022 and National Careers Week 2022. You can explore the latter on our school [Careers website](#).

Year 7-10 students learned about top employability skills (communication, teamwork, problem-solving, adaptability and interpersonal skills). We looked in particular at communication, with tips for verbal and non-verbal communication to prepare the students for engaging with employers at our Careers Fair.

[InvestIN](#) (with whom we are a partner school) joined us live from London to deliver an online assembly on careers and work experience (WEX) to Year 11 students. Our new, *blended* world of careers means that online work experience is both recognised by employers and of significant value to our students. It can also be logged on students' Xello accounts so that they have a record of their experience to share in future interviews!

Stress Less sessions for Year 10 and 11

At the end of March, our partnership organisation, [Neaco](#), delivered 30-minute *Stress Less* workshops to all Year 10 and Year 11 students. The workshops provided information on what stress is, how to identify the signs and symptoms of stress and offered a range of tools to deal with it. We hope this will enhance our students' ability to cope with stress and improve their resilience in coping with upcoming exams.

Your Feedback...

Involving parents and carers in the planning and delivery of our Careers programme is really important as we need to assess what works well and what we can improve upon.

After our Easter break, I will be posting a Parent/Carer Careers Feedback Form on the school website so that you can share your views and comments with us. I will provide information about our Careers programme in the weekly Parent/Carer bulletin beforehand to help guide your feedback.

I hope this information is both useful and of interest to you.

Should you have any Career-related questions or comments in the meantime, please email me at:

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I wish you a relaxing, enjoyable and uplifting Easter break!



Until next term...

Angela Hahn
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