



27th March 2024

Dear Students and Parent/Carer

Year 10 World of Work events 2024

I am writing to inform you of the plans for World of Work weeks (WOW) that Year 10 students will be following during the last few weeks of the summer term. Arrangements are as follows:

WOW WEEKS	Visit to College	Visit to Sheffield Hallam University	Mon 15 th – Thurs 18 th July 2024
All of Year 10	Thursday 27 th June 2024 – Buxton or Leek College	Allocated to a day either Monday 8 th , Tuesday 9 th or Wednesday 10 th July 2024	WOW activities in school

Date for your calendar: Careers Fair, Thursday 11th July 2024 – Parents are invited to attend our careers fair on the afternoon prior to the Countdown to Success evening. We will have local Post 16 and Post 18 providers as well as local employers exhibiting and offering advice on their courses and industries. Please come along and take advantage of this opportunity to gather information.

College & University Visits:

Students will be visiting either Buxton or Leek College Campus on Thursday 27th June 2024 to experience a choice of two taster sessions from a range of different subjects and vocational courses. Students are in the process of making their choices and will receive confirmation before the trip. The bus will depart from school at 9am to college of choice and will return to school ready for the end of day buses. A FREE lunch will be provided by the colleges for this visit. The purpose of the visit is to enable students to see a college, providing them with information about different further education opportunities.

Students will also be visiting Sheffield Hallam University during week beginning 8th July 2024 and will be allocated to visit on either the Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. During the visit students will be given talks on entrance requirements, the range of courses on offer and a tour of the campus. There will also be an opportunity to take part in a skills workshop and interactive quiz.

The visits aim to enable students to make informed decisions about their post-16 and post 18 options.

Due to the cost of transport, a voluntary contribution will be required via **ParentPay*** by **Friday 14th June 2024 – cost of £19. This will cover the cost of the two visits.** The law currently does not allow us to make a charge for this category of trip, although we may ask for a voluntary contribution. No student may be excluded from the excursion because of inability to pay. However, unless the voluntary contributions cover the cost of the excursions, the visits may not take place.

In School Activities:

As part of the WOW programme, students will visit Sixth Form for a day of taster lessons. In addition, students will be given advice on CVs, covering letters, completing job application forms and preparing for interviews, plus developing IT skills used in the workplace. They will be given advice on apprenticeships and other Post-16 routes. There will also be a range of occupational talks given by representatives from industry and local business. Students will attend mini talks based on their areas of interest. Students will practise their interview skills in a mock interview with one of the representatives.

Finally, members of the Army will be coming into school to deliver team building workshops with students.

In previous years, Year 10 students have arranged a week of work experience in a placement of their choice. We have always used DCC to conduct health and safety and safeguarding checks so that we can approve this absence. Unfortunately, DCC have discontinued this service. We do not currently have ability in school to adequately check placements but are working to rectify this for future years. I know this will be disappointing for some students. It is worth noting that students are free to complete work experience or work shadowing in the holidays should they wish, if you are happy for them to do so.

More details will follow to students and parents/carers nearer to the summer term.

Yours faithfully

Ms K Morgan

Careers & Employability Lead, Assistant Headteacher

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