

# Careers Newsletter 1

Spring 2022



Welcome, to our first edition of the CNS & N6 Careers Newsletter.

Our newsletter will be dedicated to informing the Students, Parents/carers, employers and community about all the amazing work we have been participating in during the academic year.

We are proud to announce the achievement of **Quality in Careers Standard:**

Career Mark, which recognises Excellence in Careers, Employability and Enterprise.

Ms McNeil and Ms Palmiero are based in C3, our Careers Hub, where students can come and find out about all things careers related and more!



Ms Palmiero



Mrs McNeil



### **Autumn & Spring Events:**

What an incredibly busy time we have had, so many fantastic events have taken place!

- Year 10 Introduction to Work Experience Assembly- Year 10**
- Oaklands College Taster mornings Year 11**
- University of Bedfordshire \_ Aim higher Sixth form Year 10 & 11**
- NHS workshops- Luton & Dunstable Hospital Year 11**
- Apprenticeships, support and knowledge workshop- Year 13**
- How to prepare for what Employers are looking for -Year 13**
- Interviews Skills & Techniques – Year 13**
- Preparing for assessment centre – Year 13**
- Hospitality Catering taster morning Year 10**
- Climate change event- Year 7 & 8**
- Meet the employer – Amazon- Year 13**

## Careers Drop Ins



In October, we launched our weekly drop-ins for all year groups. Students can come along to C3 and ask questions they may have about their future plans. Ms McNeil and I are there to answer any questions students have and also work through activities to guide them through the process, hoping to boost their confidence along the way, into considering suitable pathways and choices.





## Work Experience Year 10

The school work in partnership with **Best Practice** for our Work Experience students, they provide the school with a category Website selection of Employers and distribute all the Administration paperwork to support the student's placement

Work Experience takes place **June 27<sup>th</sup> 2022** for one week, students are currently in the process of selecting their Own lead placements and making Selections from the website.

Students have had an Introductory assembly, been issued with their own Pin number to access the website and have received the paperwork for making an Own lead



## Careers Advisor & Guidance – Post 16 Pathway choices

Year 11 students have begun their 1-1 Advice & guidance with a qualified Careers Advisor from Best Practice, this takes place through October to December

Group work for Post 16 Pathway choices has been delivered according to sector choices with Mrs McNeil again from October through to the New Year

Students who have shown an interest in Construction were offered a Virtual workshop event with **Farrans Construction**, organisation re build of Barnfield collage.

Students who highlighted an interest in **Health & Social Care** have taken part in a work shop delivered by **the NHS**



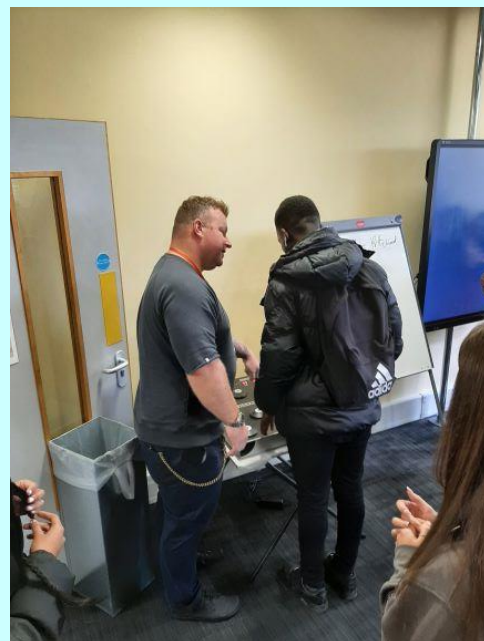
## AIM4UNI with the University of Bedfordshire



A choice of students we're selected to partake in an **Aim for Uni event at the University of Bedfordshire.**

Students spent the day at the Uni and were shown around the campus and all the facilities, alongside the student accommodation.

They took part in a Budgeting workshop, cost of living at Uni, Revision skills and a Kahoot Quiz. Student evaluation showed positive feedback from all students with suggested thoughts of what other topic they would like to cover regarding Uni life.





### **Luton and Dunstable Virtual Work Experience Sessions.**

5 Students from our year 13's were successful in their applications for Virtual Work Experience with L&D Hospital. They are participating in monthly sessions on Saturdays where they learn about different roles and responsibilities of NHS workers at the hospital. This fantastic opportunity is currently the best way to gain work experience in a hospital setting due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. They are almost finished and we are looking forward to the presentation where students will receive their certificates so watch this space!

Not only do we have L&D Virtual Work Experience but we have also very lucky to have Bedford Hospital who have offered Virtual Work Experience, for the second time in a row and as previously offered to both year 12 and 13. The careers department have established excellent links with both hospitals as we have many students interested in Health careers, including Medicine, Nursing and Midwifery, Radiography, Pharmacy and Social Work to name a few.

Also, in October UCAS Applications workshops were offered to all year 13 students to inform them of how to fill out the application form properly. We have estimates of around 110 students applying for UCAS this year and the application process is a bit of a challenge, so in order for them to know exactly what they need to do, these workshops were offered with 68 students attending in total.





## Oaklands College Taster Morning

Mrs McNeil and Mr Mitchelmore also took a small group of students over to Oaklands collage for a Taster morning based around Construction.

Students were involved in **Plumbing, Bricklaying, Electrical, Carpentry and Motor vehicles.**



## Farrans Construction Virtual Workshop

**A selection of students attending a Virtual event based around Construction and the Barnfield re -build**





## **University**

### **Early Entry 2022.**

**This year we had 18 students in year 13 apply for Early Entry university courses, which were Medicine, Dentistry as well as courses offered by Oxbridge. (Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021)**

**Cambridge = 4 Students (English Literature, Engineering and Natural Sciences**

**Oxford = 7 students (Medicine, Dentistry, Engineering, History and Politics)**

**Medicine and Dentistry = 13 students**

So far we have 1 student from Cambridge and 1 student from Oxford who have been offered interviews (week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021) for those universities, we wish them the very best of luck.

Please see UCAS website for further information.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 21 students from year 12 and 13 were offered to participate in an Inspiration Day at the University of Bedfordshire. Students spent the day at the Luton Campus, starting with an introductory seminar, sampling a psychology lecture and seminar, tour of the campus, including accommodation, lunch and plenary evaluation. Students were shocked as they were not aware of the incredible facilities that are on offer at University of Bedfordshire including A brand new STEM Facility, one of the biggest student libraries in the UK and some high spec student accommodation.

On 9<sup>th</sup> November two apprenticeship workshops were facilitated to the year 13 students who are applying for Accounting Apprenticeships. Ex-Student Bradley Coleman who is currently an apprentice with PwC gave an inspiring workshop about his experiences about applying and what he does in his apprenticeship. WE also had the pleasure of welcoming back Aimee Dimmock from Foxley Kingham, a local, prestigious Accountancy firm who offer apprenticeships in Luton. She returned to give her experiences of what life is like at the firm and how she applied. This has inspired quite a few of our students who attended the workshop and are now in the process of applying. It was encouraging to know that all of our students who apply for apprenticeships at N6 are successful in gaining some fantastic apprenticeships.

On 11<sup>th</sup> November Navjoyt from *Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge (ASK)* who support schools and colleges across the country, facilitated a workshop for our apprenticeship



students in year 13. There is an overwhelming amount of students applying for apprenticeships with this year's Year 13. This workshop 'What Employers Want' where students were given guidance about how to be the best version of themselves and how to stand out when writing applications for apprenticeships.



**Up and coming Events:**

**Job Centre Plus are coming in to facilitate workshops for the Year 11 's**

**Key Skills**

**Interview techniques, Job applications and writing CV's.**

**More workshops**

**College Taster Mornings**

**UCAS Convention Year 12**

**Benefits of Gap Year workshop hosted by ex-students**

**Mock Interviews for Year 13 students**