

## WEEK 8 - Friday 5 November 2021

It was great to welcome our students back after the summer break and we certainly hit the ground running with their careers journey. In order to prepare the students for the year ahead, last half term I delivered a careers assembly to each year group, discussing the importance of Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) - learning about the world, different job opportunities and career paths, as well as the different routes of study. Students were provided with information, useful websites [see here](#) and key contacts within the school. We discussed the Careers Programme of events in which students will take part in throughout the year, which can be found here: [Careers Programme](#) and these events will support and prepare our students to make well-informed decisions at different stages of their career journey, including choosing their KS4 options during Y9 and applying for post-16 destinations during Y11.

Our Y11 students have a big year ahead of them, as not only will they be preparing for their GCSE exams, but students will be completing their applications for their post-16 destination, this may include Hessle Sixth Form College, other Sixth Form providers, Apprenticeships, Armed Forces, Employment with Training etc. There are many options to choose from but students need to make the right decisions for them, and support is provided along the way.

All Y11 students have had their careers guidance interview with our External Careers Advisor, Mr Peart and we have now moved onto second interviews for those students who require them. Any student who feels they need a second interview, please contact Miss Lawes:

[hayley.lawes@hessleacademy.com](mailto:hayley.lawes@hessleacademy.com)

Mr Peart is based in the ground floor Careers Office and will be present every Tuesday and Wednesday. Students from each year group are welcome to drop-in anytime over break and lunchtime if they have any questions or require any resources / prospectuses etc.

We encourage our Y11 students to apply to more than one place, as it's always good to have more than one option and a back-up plan should they need it. Final decisions on enrolment can be made when students receive their GCSE results in the summer. Myself and Mr Peart spoke with a number of parents at the Y11 and Y10 Parents Information Evening and we reiterated this same message.

We've already had over 80 applications for Hessle Sixth Form and interviews will begin w/c 15 November.

I have shared lots of information on the 'Y11 Careers Info' page on Google Classroom, including upcoming Open Events for Colleges and Training Providers, Career Insight Events and Virtual Work Experience opportunities (see dates below). We recommend that students attend Open Events as it's a great way to get a feel for a place, a chance to speak to tutors and ask any questions. We had over 90 families attend our Sixth Form Open Event before half term and there were some really interesting conversations taking place with students, parents and teachers regarding courses, future plans and career paths.

We have now started booking in our Y10 students for their initial careers guidance interview. Students were given a pre/post-interview questionnaire to complete during tutor-time noting their initial post-16 ideas; where they are thinking of applying, the types of jobs they're interested in and there was also an opportunity to rank their priority and this will help to determine the order in which the students will be seen across the year.

Y10 students have also received their invite for the 'Y10 Careers Info' group. Please encourage students to accept this invite so that they do not miss out on useful information and updates. We

have already had a number of Y10 students take part in a Law Virtual Work Experience over half term with Browne Jacobson, this event involved a variety of speakers including QC's, Barristers and Solicitors and a guest appearance from Barrister Shaun Wallace, also known as the Dark Destroyer from ITV's The Chase!

I have met recently with our Enterprise Advisor, Enterprise Coordinator - part of the Careers and Enterprise Company, HEY LEP Careers Hub and our Careers Link Governor - Kallum Nicholson. All of which work closely with the school to support our careers events and securing new links with employers and businesses in the local area. Now that we can resume face to face visits, I have also started networking with Careers Leaders within other local schools. Last half term I visited Wolfreton School and Cottingham High School and it was great to share ideas and hear about the variety of careers provision being delivered within the Trust.

One of the highlights of the last half term was definitely Prison Me No Way (PMNW). Each year we host this event and deliver to Y9 students, but due to covid-19 disruptions our Y10 & 11 students missed out...so we thought it was only fair that we rescheduled for this year. PMNW is a personal development event to show students the impact of what making a wrong choice can have on not just their own life but on the lives of others too. Students met employers from a number of organisations including the Prison Service, Police, St Johns Ambulance, Youth Justice Service and even observed the Police dogs in action. It was an opportunity to see and hear about the work they do and to ask questions and get a real insight into working life.

Our Y13 students had a busy day on 21 October as they took part in their Pathways Event. This was a full day event in which the main focus was body language and interview skills and will be followed up with more work and preparation during tutor-time.

Plans are well underway for our upcoming careers events. This half term we have the following dates for your diary:

- Y7 All About Me Day - Thursday 4 November 2021
- Sixth Form Taster Day - Tuesday 9 November 2021
- Y11 Careers Week - w/c 13 December 2021
- *Advanced notice:* Y11 Mock Interview Day - Friday 28 January 2022

Finally, please see the information below for upcoming events:

- HETA Open Events: 13 January, 22 February & 24 February 2022  
Register here: <https://heta.co.uk/apprenticeships-1/key-dates-open-days>

Applications now open for September 2022

- Hull College Open Events: Thurs 4 November, Sat 4 December 2021  
<https://www.hull-college.ac.uk/news/hull-college-open-events-dates-confirmed>
- Bishop Burton Open Events: Wed 24 November (virtual) 2021, Wed 26 January 2022  
<https://www.bishopburton.ac.uk/open-event-booking>
- Wyke College: Thurs 11 November, Sat 4 December 2021  
<https://wyke.ac.uk/events/>
- East Riding College: Wed 10 November 2021, Saturday 22 January 2022  
<https://www.eastridingcollege.ac.uk/study-with-us>
- Virtual National Apprenticeship Show - North: Wed 17 November 2021

Register here: [National Apprenticeship Show](#)

Take care

Miss Lawes

Careers Leader

### **WEEK 15 - Friday 7 January 2022**

At the beginning of last half term, we felt like things were calming down with regards to Covid (or so it began that way) and we were able to deliver our Year 7 All About Me Day as planned on Thursday 4 November. The day was full of different workshops and activities for our Year 7 students to take part in, and it is a great transition event as the students settle into their first term at secondary school.

All About Me Day is basically what it says on the tin... it is all about the student focusing on themselves and we cover important topics such as; body image, self esteem, sexuality, healthy relationships, road safety and equality & diversity to name a few. As well as health and safety, students also took part in careers workshops and activities including information about post-16 options delivered by the Sixth Form students. It's always great for our younger students to hear from these role models.

Students also completed the Buzz Quiz. This gave the students the opportunity to reflect on their strengths and personality and be able to see the types of jobs that link to different personalities. This session was a great success last year, with 72% of the students saying it was their favourite workshop, so we decided to deliver this again with the current Year 7 students and engagement was very positive.

Mr Jarman, Director of Sixth Form, has been busy interviewing the Year 11 students who completed their application forms to attend Hessle Sixth Form in September 2022. Interviews have been taking place throughout the school day and there have been some positive and exciting conversations about the next stage of study, heading closer to the world of work.

Students also had the opportunity to attend the Sixth Form Taster Day on 9 November, which saw students experiencing what a day in the life of sixth form would be like and the chance to 'try out' any A-Level or Level 3 BTEC courses they may be interested in studying next year. It can be difficult for students when making these big decisions, so events like this are there to support and provide additional guidance and information so that students feel well-informed. For those students who are looking at College as a post-16 option, it is worth keeping an eye out for taster events. So far, Bishop Burton College have recently shared their upcoming dates [see here](#).

Over the last half term and continuing into the academic year, I have been working with different subject departments, focussing on the importance of linking curriculum learning to careers. We have been discussing the importance and different ways of weaving this into our lessons to promote to students the many jobs that can lead on from our subjects, as well as the transferable skills. Highlighting this really makes a difference to students' engagement and opens up some fantastic conversations. I teach Performing Arts, but I understand that not all students want to become a Professional Actor/Actress or Dancer, but making students aware of the transferable skills they are developing through studying our subjects and how useful they are in the world of work, really helps

to raise engagement and reminds students that our subject is for everyone. There are some great resources out there, check out these [Drama, 'What's the Point?'](#) careers videos.

As we moved into December, Covid took yet another downward spiral and things weren't looking too great. But we had our Year 11 Careers Week planned for the last week of term before Christmas, and we were determined that covid was not going to ruin this! I am pleased to say, our event went ahead.

We had to make some slight changes for the safety of our visitors, staff and students and unfortunately the Colleges and NCS were unable to attend, but we still managed to provide the students with a variety of workshops and activities.

The Year 11 students received personalised timetables for the event and we had a number of visitors throughout the week providing invaluable information, advice and guidance to our students as they head into their final six months at secondary school. The week began with an inspirational talk from PUSH focussing on CVs, interview skills, application forms and how to sell yourself. This was followed by CV workshops delivered by HOP (Humber Outreach Project) and application support sessions. Talks were delivered by HETA and ASK Apprenticeships and a carousel of workshops included revision techniques, dealing with stress & handling nerves (PET Team) and top tips for an interview (Kallum Nicholson - careers link governor).

We also delivered a Mock Interview launch session in which we talked students through the details of the upcoming event in January, what to expect, how to prepare and students also received the Job Profile for the role they will be interviewed for. This year, we asked all students to complete a 'Top 3 Jobs' form during tutor time, with students writing down the top three careers they would be interested in pursuing in the future. From here we matched them up to an interviewer for one of their chosen careers, making the event even more personalised to the student. There was a real buzz in the session, with students excited about the prospect of being interviewed by a REAL employer, and of course, deciding what to wear! Students need to make sure all CV's have been emailed to [CV@hessleacademy.com](mailto:CV@hessleacademy.com) by 14 January as these will be given to the employer as part of the interview process.

If students need any support with their CVs or post-16 application forms, please drop-in at the after-school support session on Wednesdays in G18 or contact Miss Lawes - always happy to help.

Many Year 11 students have now completed their post-16 applications, but a number of students are still yet to do so. There is still plenty of time to complete applications, but we encourage students to complete these by February half-term to feel organised and avoid any disappointment - keep an eye out for any deadlines shared. Apprenticeship vacancies become more available from Feb/March onwards and students have been given lots of information on entry requirements, where to find apprenticeships and how to apply. Should any students need additional support with this and another appointment with Graeme Peart Careers Advisor, please let Miss Lawes know.

There is now a NEW Apprenticeship Provider called CATCH Apprenticeships which offer employer-focused apprenticeship programmes in the Yorkshire & Humber region. CATCH works with over 300 employers in sectors such as Chemicals, Oil & Gas, Cosmetics, Food & Drink, Energy and Pharmaceuticals, and its associated supply chain. They have some fantastic opportunities for students, take a look at their new website: [HERE](#) or book onto an Open Event: [HERE](#).

Upcoming Careers Events this Half-Term:

- Thursday 13 January: Year 9 Pathways Fair

- Tuesday 18 January: Year 9 - 'Future Forward' Post-16/18 pathways performance
- Friday 21 January: Year 12 & 13 Pathways Day
- Friday 28 January: Year 11 Mock Interview Day
- Thursday 10 February: Year 7 & Year 8 STEM Roadshow
- Tuesday 15 February: Year 9 Inspirational Day

Take Care

Miss Lawes

Careers Leader

## **WEEK 22 - Friday 4 March 2022**

Last half term was certainly a busy one with regards to careers activities, but I'm pleased to be saying this after the last two years of Covid disruptions we've had, it finally feels like we are starting to get back to some normality.

One of the main highlights of the last half term was our Year 11 Mock Interview Day. This has always been a date in the calendar that our students and staff look forward to and we really did miss this last year, but we were pleased to get the event up and running again and welcome back many of our external visitors to interview our Year 11 students. We had over 40 employers support our event and conduct interviews from a wide variety of professions including electrical engineers, doctors, social workers, armed forces, police, construction workers, animal care, sports coaches and catering to name a few.

It was fantastic to hear the positive feedback from the professionals and they spoke highly of our students. We should all be very proud of how well they conducted themselves and it goes without saying how smart the students looked in preparation for their interview. The feedback from the students was very positive with 96% saying they enjoyed the interview experience and their encounter with the external employer and 98% of students said they will take the advice and guidance given to them during their feedback session and use this in the future.

A big thank you to all of our external visitors who supported the event, we couldn't run events like this without you, thank you for giving up your time and sharing your invaluable experience and knowledge with our students!

In order to prepare students for the event we ran CV sessions after school on Wednesdays, the CV's were used as part of the interview process. These sessions have now changed to be 'Application Support' for those students who have not yet completed their post-16 applications for September 2022. Next week in tutor, Year 11 students will be completing a 'Post-16 Destination Form' and this will enable me to see which students have completed their post-16 applications and those students who need additional support with this in their final few months at school. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or your child needs any support:

[hayley.lawes@hessleacademy.com](mailto:hayley.lawes@hessleacademy.com)

Year 11 students have now received their 'offer letters' for Hessle Sixth Form, informing them whether or not they have received a place and any next steps to take.

It has also been a busy few months for our Year 9 students as they have now chosen their KS4 options to study in Years 10 and 11. The deadline for options forms was the last day of term Friday 18 February and interviews will take place with students to discuss their chosen subjects.

In order to support the students with making their decisions, they attended the Year 9 Options Fair in January and this gave them the opportunity to see what courses are available and to gain information about what they entail, how the courses are run, hear from previous students who have studied the subject and where this can lead to post-16 and onwards.

Year 9 students also attended a 'Future Forward' performance which was funded by the University of Hull and delivered by 'Performance in Education'. The focus of the performance was to raise aspirations and motivate students regardless of their background and the importance of planning for a successful future. It focussed on GCSE's, Post 16 & 18 pathways and the many different options available.

Finally, we also had a presentation delivered by Moj from PUSH Talks, and this was an inspirational talk that focused on transferable skills and making the most of your time in school, as well as attending extra-curricular activities and developing skills that can help you to sell yourself in the future.

The DofE is one of the activities that we run at Hessle High school which develops some fantastic life skills and we are back up and running with a new cohort of Year 9 students and it's great to see so many students and staff wanting to get involved in this impactful programme.

On Thursday 10 February, Year 7 & 8 students took part in the STEM Roadshow. The topic for this presentation was 'Magnetism' and links were made to careers within STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), BAE Systems (Engineering) and the MOD (Navy and RAF). The performance was fun and interactive and it was great to see the whole year group come together in the Main Hall to take part and join in.

We celebrated National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) as part of our tutor careers programme w/c 7 February and this included information, activities and videos from people who have taken this post-16/18 pathway... Did you know, Jamie Oliver started out as an apprentice in catering and Elvis Presley trained as an apprentice electrician before his rise to fame! Many more apprenticeship vacancies for our students to apply to are now becoming available as we head into the spring onwards, please make sure you check out the 'Y11 Careers Info' page on Google Classroom as opportunities are frequently shared on here.

We have a number of additional programmes that are taking place in school for selected Year 10 students and these include the Mindspan Programme and the Scholars Programme... and for the first time this year we have Year 7 students taking part in the Scholars Programme. The Mindspan programme focuses on techniques to build a more positive mindset, resilience, learning to take responsibility and planning / setting goals for the future. And as part of the Scholars Programme, students will experience small group university-style lectures delivered by a PhD University tutor, giving them an experience of university-level learning.

Upcoming Events:

Humber Energy Skills Training Academy *Apprenticeship Recruitment Event - Thursday 10 March, 4:30 - 6:30pm*

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apprentice-recruitment-event-tickets-271923048157>

Open Event - Tuesday 15 March, 6:00 - 7:00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/humber-energy-skills-training-academy-open-event-tickets-261824593407?aff=erelpanelorg>

Hull College - Apprenticeship Vacancies

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wEy6C9a0t5Rzi\\_qi1\\_Y-YoRgboxeiXSiq/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wEy6C9a0t5Rzi_qi1_Y-YoRgboxeiXSiq/view?usp=sharing)

Level 3 Engineering Fitter Apprenticeship Vacancies with SWIFT Group LTD

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E9JibzjzB7BnfmW4pUGJ85Yrk51QzzU/view?usp=sharing>

John Leggott College: Annual Careers and Progression Fair - Thursday 24 March 2022

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc95kHBi8jNtI4B2XE5pt4DyLjmO76XoX1sa7wywpaITQyJw/viewform>

Hull College Open Events

<https://www.hull-college.ac.uk/open-events>

East Riding College Open Events

<https://www.eastridingcollege.ac.uk/news/open-events>

Bishop Burton Taster Sessions

<https://www.bishopburton.ac.uk/taster-session-bookings>

Take Care

Miss H Lawes

Career Leader

### **WEEK 28 - Friday 29 April 2022**

An important part of the Careers Leader role is to track destination data for three years once the students have left Hessle High School. It is great to see where our students have progressed on to study, train and begin employment. Not only do we use this information to enrich our careers programme by inviting alumni to speak to our students, but we also use this information to help with evaluating and developing our careers programme to ensure that our students have access and meaningful encounters with a wide range of training providers and employers in order to raise aspirations and support them to make well-informed decisions. This half-term, Year 11 students will be given a Destination Data Consent Form to complete in order to give permission to be contacted once they leave school this summer.

Please see below the destination data for our Year 11 2021 leavers:

Destination	2020	2021
FE College	35.1%	<b>25.9%</b>
School Sixth Form	32.7%	<b>45.2%</b>
Other Sixth Form College	19.9%	<b>14.7%</b>

Apprenticeship / Traineeship / Employment - Training	9.9%	<b>13%</b>
Other	2.3%	<b>1.2%</b>

Whilst tracking the Year 11 students this year, it was brilliant to see that so many had sorted their post-16 applications by February half-term. I have been picking up and supporting those who needed additional support and it was great to speak to a number of parents at the Year 11 Parents Information Evening. Parental engagement plays a vital role in supporting our young people with their transition and this key milestone in their lives.

Our external Careers Advisor, Graeme Peart has been conducting careers guidance interviews with our Year 10 students, we are almost through the full cohort who will be given the opportunity for follow up interviews during Year 11. We will be moving onto Year 12 careers guidance interviews w/c 23 May to discuss post-18 plans and ideas. A reminder that our Careers Advisor is in school every Tuesday and Wednesday and available for lunchtime drop-ins in the ground floor careers office.

We celebrated National Careers Week (NCW) w/c 7 March across all departments. The focus of NCW this year was 'My Teacher's Journey' since leaving school. Did you know the average person changes jobs '12 times' in their lifetime? It was great to hear the excitement from the students when they heard about some of the different jobs our teachers have done prior to teaching, you may have seen some of the pictures on Twitter... Did you know that Mr Minns (Maths) was a politician and Miss Lewis (Art) was a welder? I have continued to work with different subject departments, focusing on the importance of linking curriculum learning to careers. Last half-term I met with Maths, English, PSHE, History and Sociology and we have also been increasing our links with external businesses, companies and professionals within the Technology department. Networking is an important part to developing our careers programme and enhancing our students' experiences.

Preparations are underway for our Year 10 Careers Week in June. Students were given a 'My Future' Post-16 Questionnaire to complete during tutor-time, highlighting what additional support they need with regards to post-16 options, post-18, sectors/industries and personal support. This information is used as part of the planning process and will enable us to create a week of diverse activities and bespoke timetables.

It was a busy half-term for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, as both our bronze and silver students completed training expeditions in preparation for their final expedition this term. The silver students had a tough three days in very cold conditions, and covered over 30 miles on foot. They were responsible for navigating their way across arduous terrain, including two nights camping where they had to construct tents and cook their own food to fuel themselves for the three day expedition. The bronze students spent two days covering a total distance of 14 miles in the local area of Barton upon Humber and North Ferriby. Both weekends have given the students an insight into what's to come next month... Hopefully we have some warmer weather.

Within the careers tutor-programme we have continued to look at labour market information within a variety of jobs including more recently; animal welfare, dentistry, and crime scenes. Students also learnt about health and safety laws and the importance of following rules, regulations and procedures within a workplace. Some of the top 10 most dangerous jobs for accidents at work (2021) included construction, farming, manufacturing, nursing and office/admin. Staff and students shared some of the 'accident at work' stories they have heard over the years... you certainly need to be aware of risk and keep your wits about you!

Finally, Prison Me No Way (PMNW) returned for the third time this academic year to deliver their engaging workshops to our Year 9 students, this is one of the many highlights within the calendar and it's a great opportunity to hear from employers from a number of organisations including the Prison Service, Police, St Johns Ambulance and the Youth Justice Service.

#### **Upcoming Careers Events:**

- Thursday 5 May: Y8 Ambition Day
- Tuesday 17 May: Y9 Enterprise Day
- w/c 27 June: Y10 Careers Week
- Tuesday 28 June: Y10 Enterprise Day

Take Care

Miss H Lawes

Career Leader

#### **WEEK 33 - Friday 10 June 2022**

Last year we had to adapt many of our careers events due to the pandemic, and this included the Year 8 Ambition Day. Our external visitors live streamed into classrooms in order to give an insight into their careers and the different pathways available post-16. This has been a great alternative over the last two year, but I have to say, there's no greater buzz for the students than having our visitors back in school and interacting face to face with our young people.

Our Year 8 Ambition Day saw ten external employers/training providers visit our school to introduce the students to careers and training opportunities they may not have thought about. The students carousel between each session and we had a variety of visitors including Balfour Beatty, KCOM, Siemens Gamesa with a focus on Apprenticeships and Women in Engineering, Paramedics, Hull University, Tigers Trust and East Riding Archaeology Society, as well as Camps International and Labour Market Information delivered by our Enterprise Coordinator from the HEY LEP (Hull and East Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership).

As with all of our careers events, we gather feedback from our students, staff and visitors in order to continually develop and improve our delivery and student experience. It's never too early to explore careers and plans for the future and these events are designed to raise aspirations from an early stage and allow our students to get excited about their future prospects. 63% of our students said they felt more confident about making career choices post-event, and we had many positive comments and feedback about their favourite piece of information learnt, including:

"It was good to learn about different careers"

"It was fun and made me realise how many options there are when I leave school"

"I learnt many new things that helped me gain an idea of what I want to do in the future"

"It was an amazing experience"

"I learnt about the different qualifications you need for different jobs"

"There are lots of different jobs within one company like KCOM"

"I can still follow my dreams, even if I struggle learning"

“By 2050 we will have automatic cars that drive themselves”

“There are lots of jobs available in Hull / Hessle”

“Different ways to find out about different careers”

“Don’t just pick what my friends pick”

Last half-term we also ran our Year 9 Enterprise Day which is a Dragon’s Den style event in which students are tasked with designing, budgeting and marketing their own subscription box. This is a competition in which the finalists pitch their ideas to a panel of judges which included Mr Groak and Business Entrepreneur, Lucy Aldridge, who delivered an inspiring talk to the students at the start of the day to launch the event and talk about her personal journey setting up her own business. There were some fantastic and innovative ideas shared throughout the day. Well done to our winning team who created ‘Global Goodies - treats from around the world’ and our runners up ‘Baby Beginners’ and ‘The Marvel Box’.

Our External Careers Advisor, Graeme Peart, has now begun conducting careers guidance interviews with Y12 students to discuss their post-18 plans and ideas and to provide support with this. These sessions have been booked via their Tutors and will run up until the end of the summer term. Miss Lawes will send email reminders prior to their interview and any student who requires additional support will be given the opportunity to have follow up interviews during Y13.

I recently delivered some training to our trainee teachers on careers learning, particularly Gatsby benchmark 4 ‘linking curriculum learning to careers’. It is important that all staff, as well as our new upcoming teachers, thread careers into their day to day interactions with the students to continue to inspire and open their minds to the world of work.

GCSE exams and A-Levels are well underway and it won’t be long until we say goodbye to our Y11 and Y13 students as they head off to begin the next stage of their journey. Our students are moving on to a variety of destinations including College, Sixth Form, Apprenticeships, Employment with training and University. We aim to prepare our students, not only for the transition itself but also the general life skills they will need as they start to become more independent and recently in tutor we delivered a ‘Handy Tips for School Leavers’ session with Year 11 students which included information about bank accounts, wages slips, national insurance, taxes and bills. I read an article recently about the ‘things they don’t teach you in school’ and these were some of the topics highlighted, so I think it is so important that we educate and prepare our students for these day to day life skills.

Finally, we launched our HOP Mentoring Programme last half-term. This programme is delivered by the Humber Outreach Project, who work in partnership with schools to raise the aspirations of young people through challenging and exciting opportunities. The goal of this is to increase their awareness of and participation in further and higher education, whilst helping them prepare and manage their future studies whilst in school. Twelve students in Year 10 have been selected to take part in the six week programme and some of the topics covered include resilience, revision techniques and study skills, stress and time management, future options, CV writing and interview skills. Parents were invited to attend the launch evening along with their child to find out more about the programme, but also enjoy a slice of pizza and take part in a fun quiz. Upon completion of the programme, students will enjoy a day visit to Hull University to explore University life.

On the subject of mentoring, the school is lucky enough to be taking part in the BTP ‘Brilliant Tutoring Programme’ run by the Brilliant Club, where students in Year 7, 8 and 10 are accessing

tutorials with either PhD researchers or Masters students. These sessions are extracurricular and give students additional support in small working groups with Maths, English and Science.

Upcoming events / activities:

- Y12 Pathways Day - Monday 20 June 2022
- Y12 UCAS Convention - Tuesday 21 June 2022
- Y12 Hull University Visit - Wednesday 22 June 2022
- International Women in Engineering Day - Virtual Event  
Thursday 23 June 2022, 5:00 - 6:00pm

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Women-Engineering>

- Y10 Hull University Trip (HOP mentoring students) - Thursday 23 June 2022
- Y10 Careers Week - w/c 27 June 2022
- Women in Manufacturing and Engineering - Careers Fair (Guildhall, Hull)  
Wednesday 6 July 2022, 4:30 - 6:30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wime-public-careers-fair-hull-tickets-289400343217>

- Y11 Sixth Form Induction Event - 6, 7 & 8 July 2022
- Y6 Transition Event - 11, 12 & 13 July 2022

Miss H Lawes

Careers Leader

### **WEEK 39 - Friday 21 July 2022**

Where has the time gone? I can't quite believe I am writing my final blog for the academic year. I'm sure the students are ready for a well earned break, especially after a busy (and rather warm) half term. Our Year 10 students are preparing to transition into their final year at secondary school where there are some big decisions to be made. In order to prepare them, we ran our Year 10 Careers Week towards the end of June. This was a highly successful week with an astounding 94% of students saying they felt more confident in making decisions about their post-16 destination and 94% saying they enjoyed the week. The Year 10's really embraced the variety of workshops/presentations they took part in across the week. We launched the week with a motivational speaker focussing on 'Preparing for Employability', this was delivered by Moj Taylor from PUSH who is fantastic at engaging the students and inspiring them to 'do what you love, love what you do'... take a look [here](#). As well as mandatory sessions, students were able to choose which sessions they would like to attend across the week as they received a bespoke timetable. It was certainly a jam packed week with external visitors delivering workshops / presentations including:

- Apprenticeships
- College
- Sixth Form
- Post-16 Pathways Support (for those students who are very unsure)
- Getting into Teaching
- Armed Forces
- HETA - Engineering
- NCS

- Professionals from a variety of Sectors: Construction, Law, Business, Health, Police, Performing Arts, Digital/ICT

Students also received their log in details for Log On Move On (LOMO) which is a local independent website which supports and inspires young people to succeed on their education and training journey. Students are able to use the website to search for local training providers, courses and apprenticeship vacancies, as well as completing applications and utilising the Skills Passport and CV Writer. During the Careers Week, students attended a CV Building workshop delivered by HOP (Humber Outreach Programme) which focussed on creating their own personal CV on LOMO. I would encourage students to continue working on their CV over the summer, but there will be opportunities during Year 11 to complete this. Following the session, 86% of students said they felt more confident with creating a CV.

A few comments from the week:

“Lots of useful information about things I was worried about”

“Given me lots of options for my future”

“Hearing the positives about different jobs and options and not treating us like kids”

“Made me feel more confident with my choices and life after school”

“Taught me more about apprenticeships”

“ Showed me more ways to pursue my dream job”

And finally, to top the week off, our students took part in our Dragons Den style event known as the Enterprise Day. This is always an enjoyable day as it allows students to develop business and entrepreneurship skills, with finalist groups pitching their ideas to a panel of judges. We were lucky enough to have Phil Benson, founder of Xing Smoothies launch the event and talk about his journey as an Entrepreneur. As a school we are always looking for external professionals, providers and businesses to support our events and inspire the next generation. Please do get in touch if this is something you would be interested in - [hayley.lawes@hessleacademy.com](mailto:hayley.lawes@hessleacademy.com)

Our HOP mentoring programme came to an end in June, and to conclude the programme we took the group of Year 10 students to Hull University for the day. Students took part in a budgeting challenge, HOP Olympics, Higher Education lecture and a tour of the campus... including the halls of residence, which they were fascinated by as they began to picture themselves living there. It was a beautiful day and there was a lot of activity as our trip fell on the same week as the UCAS convention in which our Year 12 students attended, so it was lovely to see some familiar faces on campus as they explored and gained information about future University opportunities. Leading up to the convention, Year 12 students began their UCAS applications during their Pathways Day, receiving support with personal statements. Year 12 students have now received their face to face careers guidance interview with our external Careers Advisor, those who require a follow up appointment will be booked in towards the beginning of Year 13.

On the topic of visits, over the past week our Year 10 students have travelled across in small groups to the Sixth Form building with Mr Jarman, Director of Sixth Form. Tranby House is exclusive for Year 12 and 13 students, so it was nice to open up the doors to our future Year 11 students and give them an insight into further education and this new environment.

On Thursday 23 June, we celebrated International Women in Engineering Day during our careers tutor session. A big thank you to Amelie in Year 7 who was filmed interviewing Mrs Ward, our

Engineering teacher, as she talked about her time in the Royal Air Force as an Aircraft Engineer. This was very popular amongst the students as Mrs Ward talked about what inspired her to go into engineering and specifically joining the Armed Forces. She also talked about some of the barriers women have faced in the past and why they may have steered away from this industry, but with the many opportunities up and coming in the Humber region, Mrs Ward explained why engineering is a fantastic career to go into for all genders and has hopefully inspired our young people, particularly females, to consider this as an option, as did you know? Only 14.5% of those working in engineering in the UK are female!!

Miss Moore, Mrs Edwards and the Duke of Edinburgh team have been busy preparing students for their bronze and silver expeditions this half term. Unfortunately due to the extreme heat the silver exhibition has been postponed and will now take place in September, however both bronze exhibitions were completed by the students as they travelled on foot from Skidby to Melton, camping overnight then heading from Melton to South Cave the following day. This was a challenging experience for the students but great fun was had and they should all be very proud of themselves. Sliver next?...

Finally, as we approach the end of the academic year, I have met with our Enterprise Coordinator from the Hull and East Yorkshire Careers Hub to complete our final Compass+ evaluation, reflecting on the careers work we have delivered across the last year. I am proud to say that our Careers Programme continues to develop and strengthen and it was great to see how far we have come in the last year in order to support our young people with their career journeys.

Have a lovely summer.

Miss Lawes

Careers Leader