

# Careers Team

A bit of reflection and looking at the term ahead.

## December 2023 Newsletter

### Years 11,12 and 13 Careers Fair



We were very lucky to have over 55 organisations join us at our Careers Fair, we had talks in our main hall and our 2 other halls were full with stands. We put these events on to help with Post 16 and 18 decisions and try and introduce students to as many possibilities as we can to give them choices! Thank you to all the organisations who supported us and thank you to all the parents and carers who came with students to help support them with their next steps.



Just some of the feedback we have received from organisations and parents/carers so far:

"I met some lovely young people who were well mannered and ready to listen. It was a pleasure to talk to them."

"We have just got back from 2hrs at the Careers Fair and I just wanted to say how brilliant it was. Thank you for organising this. Just to have the breadth of different organisations for students to speak to was invaluable."

"What a well organised and attended event. We would be pleased to come to the next one."

"Thank you for inviting us. We had a really good time and the students that were helping out with the food AND drinks were amazing, Professional and Helpful. They are a credit to the school. If you need any support with anything in the future, we are happy to help."

"Thank you so much for inviting us to the Careers Fair, it was great to meet so many fantastic students"



In the New Year we will be introducing Year 7 to Unifrog. Unifrog is the platform we use at Ousedale where students can easily explore their interests, then possible future careers fields, as well as write CV's. We also track students interactions with employers/work places on there which they can use for post 16 and 18 applications. Every student has their own Unifrog account.

### Year 7

### Year 10 and 12 Work Experience

Work experience will be introduced during assemblies in the first term of the New Year, there will be no paperwork now, it will all be done online which will make it a smoother, quicker process for yourselves and the business taking the student.

Work experience won't happen until July so there will be plenty of time and we don't clash with other schools. You could start talking at home about what sort of job they would like to try for work experience and thinking about companies they could contact when the online forms go live.

### Contacting Careers

You and all our students are welcome to email us at [Careers@ousedale.org.uk](mailto:Careers@ousedale.org.uk).

Students can also attend our drop ins without an appointment.

Drop in days and times:

Newport Pagnell - Monday to Friday Break and Lunch time

Olney - Tuesday and Thursday Break and Lunch time





# What is Labour Market Information (LMI)

Careers Labour Market Information (LMI) is at the heart of our careers programme, it describes a world in which young people are going to pursue their careers.

We use LMI every time we interact with someone regarding their future hopes and aspirations. Questions about course choices, employment, training, how much money could be earned in a particular job, where the local job vacancies can be found, what will the 'hot jobs' be when they leave education? None of these questions or issues could be addressed without LMI.

LMI can help to demystify the world of work and can help individuals achieve their career goals.

In summary, LMI provides knowledge and understanding of how the labour market functions and is crucial for making sense of changing economic circumstances. It can also help when thinking about what the future might hold, so can support our students with making decisions about a career field/pathway.

## Year 9

Year 9 Options Evening – 20th March 2024 6pm – 8.30pm at both Newport Pagnell & Olney Campus.

Students, parents/carers are encouraged to come along to our year 9 options evening and speak to subject teachers about choosing your GCSE options, There will be lots of information made available to the students prior to options evening.

A member of the careers team will be available at both campuses to answer any questions about post 16 options and to offer information, advice and guidance on the GCSE options process.

## Post 16 and Post 18 Choices

Take a look at our Careers Opportunities Padlets at <https://www.ousedale.org.uk/careers-information-advice-and-guidance> careers information.

where you will find lots of different pathways possible after GSCE's and 6th Form.

You can find out about Further and Higher Educational providers, Sixth Forms, Colleges, specialist colleges, training and apprenticeship and employment opportunities, work experience, local jobs fairs and events as well as webinars on demand .

Our padlet is updated regularly so keep an eye out for the most up to date information and the latest opportunities for our students

Year 8 will be looking at Unifrog during the term ahead, especially the interests profile and learning how to record skills, activities and interactions to help them in the future with various applications.

## Year 8

We are always on the look out for new organisations/companies/industries to come and talk to our students about what their company does and the types of jobs available. We want our students to have meaningful encounters with as many people as possible to help widen the possibilities to them so they can identify and follow their own goals and aspirations. If you would like to come and speak to our students please email [careers@ousedale.org.uk](mailto:careers@ousedale.org.uk)

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from  
the Careers team

Mrs Sweet-Roe and Mrs Aasten