



Careers Bulletin Half Term 2



Dear Parents / Guardians,

We like to keep you up to date with events regarding our careers curriculum in Maricourt. Below is an overview of some of the events that have taken place during this half term.

Year 7 – have continued to make links with careers across curriculum subjects, identifying their current interests and aspirations for the future. They will continue to do this next term and explore career of the week advertisements for discussion. They have been recently engaging with an Advent calendar theme with careers and curriculum learning form activities.

Year 8 - attended Maricourt Careers convention and were inspired by the many employers, Universities, Colleges, Apprenticeship providers and Emergency services who attended. The feedback from the providers about our students was fantastic as they stated that Year 8 had actively engaged with some great questions regarding careers and next steps. It was great to hear the positive feedback about the convention from parents too, who stated that their children came home inspired and continued to explore the literature they were given by providers.

Year 9 - attended Maricourt Careers convention and were inspired by the many employers, Universities, Colleges, Apprenticeship providers and Emergency services who attended. Feedback from Year 9 students included discussions around option subjects for specific courses as they work towards decision making units of work in preparation for next term when they will hear more about the options choice process. They have been discovering opportunities in work placements and what skills are required for specific jobs whilst also looking at equality in the work place and stereotypes. Aintree Racing to Schools also returned to Maricourt to host sessions on careers in the workplace of Aintree racecourse. This included prizes for best job and career lists.

Year 10 – also attended Maricourt Careers convention and were inspired by the many employers, Universities, Colleges, Apprenticeship providers and Emergency services who attended. They also made links with work places which supports them in the process of sourcing a work experience placement that matches their interests with support from our external partners Elevate EBP. Two Year 10 students successfully gained a work placement at Aintree racecourse next summer after being shortlisted for interviews and displaying excellent interview techniques.

Year 11 - have started to prepare and create their Cvs whilst viewing the Liverpool City labour market information on careers that are thriving. They have also started looking at post 16 to 18 opportunities identifying the various opportunities open to them. They will continue to have a careers guidance meeting with Mrs Gresham our careers adviser if not done so already. They also visited our Maricourt Careers convention and were inspired by the many employers, Universities, Colleges, Apprenticeship providers and Emergency services who attended. Cadent visited our school to talk to a selection of Year 11 students about careers in their industry which students really enjoyed and were able to get involved in a Q and A session with Cadent. Martin Bamber AMSP attended school to promote maths GCSE during lessons. Year 11 also attended mindset sessions with Judi Hastings to support them with stressful situations such as anxiety and exam stress.



Year 12 - we welcomed back Moj Taylor who visited our Year 12s to deliver the Push Talk and engaged our students with making links to future destinations and further career opportunities. Year 12 also had the opportunity of attending the Outreach University bus tour which arrived on site at Maricourt for the day to deliver talks about University courses. The students also attended Anfield stadium for the UK University and Apprenticeship fair. The deadline to source work experience placements and return completed work experience placement forms is 31st January 2022. Any students who require further support with this are asked to speak with Mrs Wood for further advice. Two Year 12 students also successfully gained a work placement at Aintree racecourse next summer after being shortlisted for interviews and displaying excellent interview techniques and communication skills. Tim Quinn an illustrator and Marvel editor, conducted a Q and A session with year 12 pupils on careers in art via Zoom.

Year 13 - also visited the Outreach University bus tour to hear about all of the opportunities and grades required for their specific interests in courses. Year 13 have also participated in the planning and preparation of mock interviews in an area of career interest to them which will take place next term. They have also been very busy finalising UCAS applications and creating personal statements. Shaping Futures our external partners have been in school offering one to one advice to students regarding further education opportunities. The feedback from students was very positive therefore resulting in more bookings from students in the New Year.

Thank you so much to our parents and carers for supporting the students with careers opportunities and encouraging students to get involved in competitions and talks that inspire our youngsters to raise their aspirations and make links with subject learning. We look forward to working with them again next term. We will continue to advertise all of the latest opportunities on the show my homework noticeboard for students and parents in addition to PS connects and career bulletins. We have a designated Careers area on the Maricourt website should you wish to explore further. [Maricourt Catholic High School & Sixth Form Centre - Careers](#)



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Kind Regards

M. Wood

Mrs Wood
Careers Leader