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# Careers Bulletin Half Term 1

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I just wanted to update you all on the careers events that have taken place in Maricourt this term and give advanced notice of some planned careers events after half term 1.

**Year 7** have attended a careers assembly and discussed the importance of careers whilst making connections with job titles / descriptions and specific subject areas they may link too. They came up with some fantastic responses. They have also looked at future careers and new up and coming jobs in line with labour market information. A selection of Year 7 students have also attended employability workshops with PUSH.

**Year 8** have taken part in careers activities discussing what types of jobs or industries they are personally interested in which gives me a great indication of who to match them up with when our external speakers and meet the employers Q and A sessions take place which are planned for after Christmas. There is also a career of the week advertised on the school monitor screens for students to view and generate discussion. Year 8 will also attend the Careers convention on Thursday 04th November at lunch time which is optional. A selection of Year 8 students have attended employability workshops with PUSH.

**Year 9** are attending careers lessons fortnightly where they have looked at self-awareness most recently and types of employment currently and in the future. They have also attended enterprise sessions with our Aintree Racing to School initiatives partners and have another careers session booked in on 02nd November with the former racing jockey Carrie Ford. Year 9 will also attend the Careers convention on Thursday 04th November at lunch time which is optional. A selection of Year 9 students have also attended employability workshops with PUSH.

**Year 10** have attended and engaged in a marketing enterprise session with Aintree racing to school initiatives. They have also attended a work experience placement assembly by our external partnership Elevate EBP. They have started searching for work placement areas of interest to them and returning their completed forms. They have also been invited to apply for a work experience placement opportunity at Aintree racecourse. Year 10 will also attend the Careers convention on Thursday 04th November at lunch time which is optional. Please remind students to continue to search for a work experience placement of their choice and complete and return the yellow, pink and grey forms. If any Year 10 students require further support with this or you have any questions at all please inform them to come and see me or email me directly at [woodm@maricourt.net](mailto:woodm@maricourt.net).



**Year 11** have attended application workshops to prepare for employer engagement. They have recently taken part in their mock interviews and have been given guidance and feedback with consideration to post 16 destinations. The feedback from employers was unanimously positive. They really did themselves proud and I am sure they gained a lot from the experience. All Year 11s will also have a one to one careers guidance interview with our Careers adviser Mrs Gresham. They have also looked at interview techniques and can confidently recognise how to prepare for both face to face and online interviews. They will now look at CV creation and start to plan their own next term. A selection of Year 11 students have started a sports leader's award. All of Year 11 will attend the Careers convention on Thursday 04th November period 5. Please remind students to check the Show my homework noticeboard platform regularly for the latest career opportunities, apprenticeship information, College & Maricourt Sixth form Centre open evenings.

**Year 12** have had enrichment sessions on study skills and preparing for exams whilst assessing best practice in note taking skills. They have taken part in a team building upcycle fashion event and will also attend the planned Careers convention on 04th November period 4. Year 12 will also attend the UK and University fair on 18th November in Anfield which is another great opportunity for them to find information about future destinations and further study options. We will also have the Outreach Hope University bus tour visit Maricourt on 02nd November to speak to our Sixth Form Centre students about finance at University, UCAS, personal statements and university life. We have had lots of higher-level apprenticeship virtual webinars and virtual work placement offers on the Show my homework noticeboards. Year 12 are also searching for their own work placements for five days in July. Please encourage them to source a placement over half term and return their completed mandatory forms to Mrs Wood by end of November please.

**Year 13** have been planning and preparing for their mock interviews with employers in an industry / career of their choice. They have been working really hard on developing their personal statements and completing UCAS applications. It has been great to see them self-reflect on all of their personal qualities and skills prior to their mock interviews which are due to take place in the next half term, date to be confirmed soon. This will give them great points to discuss in the interview and gain feedback from an employer in a career industry they are interested in. They will also attend the Hope University tour bus and the Careers convention on 04th November period 4. Sixth Form students interested in the world of creativity, music and performing arts were all invited to a talk with LMA.

This is a useful website for Sixth form students to view for further information on Higher Education which is also located on our careers section of the website.

[Home - Shaping Futures \(shaping-futures.org.uk\)](http://shaping-futures.org.uk)

Lynn Rigby continues to be a Business mentor to selected students.

EITC (Everton in the Community) will start programmes with Year groups 7, 8 and 9 next half term.

As you can see we have had a busy half term with careers and it is great to have face to face activities for the students to interact and engage in. Thank you so much for all of your encouragement with students' attendance to careers events and participation in competitions. I advertise all of the latest Career's opportunities, advice, and events on the 'Show my homework noticeboard platform' as soon as they arrive. This information shared includes competitions, University talks, College and Apprenticeship information, as well as virtual work placements and webinars in various careers. Please continue to encourage them to view this regularly. We also have a Careers area on the Maricourt website for further careers information or support. If any of our parents / guardians would like to come into school and inspire our students with your current career / occupations, please do contact me on my email address; [woodm@maricourt.net](mailto:woodm@maricourt.net)

**I hope you all have a lovely half term break.**

Kind Regards

*M. Wood*

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