



We would like to introduce the new Career Hub newsletter and let you know about some of what we have been doing since the start of this academic year. Over the last three modules, we have been working hard to get all Year 13s ready for the next stage of their lives. This included submitting 184 UCAS applications as well as supporting students who want a different pathway after their A Levels, which includes helping to find apprenticeships, college courses or create CVs to enable them to take their first step on their career ladder.

We have also engaged with 170 Year 11s to support their career pathways into sixth form, to college and apprenticeships as well as meetings with Year 9 and Year 10s, who are starting to think about their future goals. We have organised visits for Year 10s to the NHS Talent Academy Health and Care Careers event, we have had guest speakers in to the Academy from Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance, Lincoln Imps FC and Inzpire. We will be having a guest speaker in each week until the end of the academic year from different industries including midwifery, law, software engineers and many more. Students from all year groups have had awareness sessions on careers and the different pathways that are available.

We are planning to take the Year 12 students to four local universities, giving them the opportunity to experience the kind of environment in which they will be studying once they leave the Sixth Form. All of these are very strong universities, offering a broad range of courses and potential career pathways. On this day, all Year 12 students who have been attending early entry sessions and are considering applying to either the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge will be attending the Oxbridge conference that we host at the Academy.

If your child is in Year 11 or Year 13 and they are interested apprenticeships please ask them to keep checking their emails. Mrs Billett and Mrs Morgan-Brown are sending out emails daily with new apprenticeships. Students can also register with apprenticeship websites to receive updates directly to their inbox.

This list below is a few websites we use. They have a magnitude of useful information, opportunities and webinars for parents, as well as students, so you can help support your child's career path. There are also a few websites listed below that the students can use to gain virtual work experience, which they can use on their personal statements or CVs. Please find attached some information about National Apprenticeship Week from Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

- Success at School Success at School: Search Jobs and Courses
- Government Find An Apprenticeship Find an apprenticeship (findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)
- Amazing Apprenticeships website Amazing Apprenticeships
- Springpod <u>Search for apprenticeships</u> | <u>Springpod</u>
- Get My First Job Search | GetMyFirstJob | Apprenticeships, Degree Apprenticeships & Work Experience
- Success Beyond School <u>Events for Parents | InvestIN</u>
- Success Beyond School Workshops and Summer Schools <u>Choose Your Career | InvestIN</u> these all have a cost attached to them.
- NHS Talent Academy Virtual Work Experience Work Experience | NHS Talent Academy
- Speakers for School <u>Virtual Work Experience | VWEX | Speakers for Schools</u>
- Springpod Virtual Work Experience Free Virtual Work Experience | Springpod
- Information regarding student finance <u>Student finance GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

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Year 13 students will receive an invitation email shortly, inviting them to attend a session about student finance. The University of Lincoln will host the session on the 10^{th} February at 8.30am and 9.35am, which will give the students information about how to apply for student finance.

Live Q&A with the NHS Talent Academy

Between $7^{th} - 11^{th}$ February, there will be a website on which anyone can ask questions regarding apprenticeships within the Health and Care sector. These questions will be monitored by the Talent Academy all through the week and answers will be provided. Questions can be asked anonymously or with names. All they ask is that no personal details are put onto the page as each question can be seen by all. Please see the attached handout with more information about the Q&A session and how to join, as well as a leaflet about how to apply for jobs within the NHS.

If any student would like a meeting with staff in the Career Hub to discuss their pathway, for help with completing an application form or writing a CV please ask them to email directly to Mrs Billett abillett@prioryacademies.co.uk, or Mrs S Morgan-Brown smorganbrown@prioryacademy.co.uk. Alternatively, they can speak to their Form Tutor, Head of Year or their Pastoral Learning Mentor who can email the Career Hub to request a meeting.

Yours faithfully

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