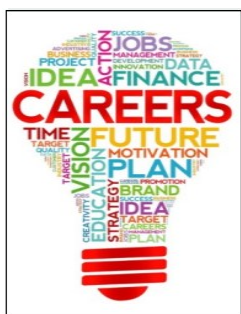


PARMITER'S CAREERS DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very busy term for the Careers Department at Parmiter's and I wanted to thank all the parents and carers for both their support with the events we have run and in helping their children to get the most out of the careers-related activities we have held this term.

Universities & Apprenticeships Fair and

Careers Fair

Both of these events were very well attended. Students engaged excellently with the representatives, developing their communication skills and benefiting from the opportunity to understand how to network and make connections which could be useful to them in the future. We are very grateful to all the alumni and parents who gave up their time to talk to the students about their careers; their support is invaluable in making these events a success.



The power of alumni

We have been fortunate to welcome a number of alumni this term who have spoken to various year groups and classes about their paths post-Parmiter's, enriching the students' understanding of the diverse variety of career options that will be available to them.

Preparing for the future

Alumni and parents were also key in providing **Mock Interviews** for our Year 13 students as they prepare for university interviews.

Also preparing for the future are our Year 11 students, who are interested in exploring alternative post-16 education options; they took part in a **Subject Taster Morning at Oaklands College**.



Enterprise Challenge

If you attended the Gift Fair, you may have seen the stalls run by this year's Enterprise Challenge Teams, who are raising money for the **Peace Hospice** and **Charlie's Gift** charities.

Working alongside mentors from the two charities, this challenge gives Year 12 students a great opportunity to work in teams and develop their employability and business skills whilst organising and running a variety of fundraising events.

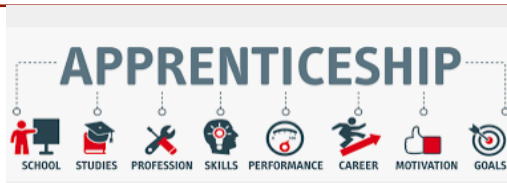
Please look out for further events that they will be organising in the Spring term that you and your children will be able to support them with.



Students from all year groups have been using **Unifrog**, the online platform provided for students to use to explore and develop educational and careers-related ideas. To enable our parents and carers to support their children with the use of Unifrog, I have produced a video explaining how Unifrog works and the ways in which the students are using it. Please access the video [here](#).

If you would like a parent/carers login for Unifrog, which will enable you to access the platform to develop your understanding of how it works and support your child, please click [here](#) and fill out the form. Please note, this login is specifically for parents/carers and will not give you access to your child's account or information.

SPRING TERM NEWS



In the Spring term, we will be focusing on Apprenticeships and also holding an **Apprenticeship Awareness Evening on Monday 10 January at 7.00pm** in the main hall. Amazing Apprenticeships will give a presentation on apprenticeships of all levels, the application processes and how to support your children if they would like to look into applying for an apprenticeship post 16 or 18.

Former students, who are currently undertaking apprenticeships at companies such as Ernst & Young and GSK, will also be talking about their experiences and local companies who offer apprenticeships (for example, in Engineering) will be talking about their apprenticeship routes. If you would like to attend this event (parents/carers and students are all welcome), please fill out the Google Form [here](#). In the event that we are unable to hold this event in person, it will be streamed online, so please ensure you include your email address.

This presentation will be followed by a programme of support for students wishing to apply for apprenticeships, including an application workshop and an interview and aptitude test workshop in February.

Alternative post-16 options

During the Spring term, Year 11 students will also be receiving more information about alternative post-16 options, with presentations from local further education establishments. Dates will be advised in January, so that you can support your children if they wish to consider these options.



In January, we will be offering students the opportunity to sit the **Morrisby Test** in school. This psychometric test helps students to identify potential career paths and make informed decisions about their study options.

Participating students will take a 75-minute online assessment and questionnaire, which measure a variety of elements including career interests, work attitudes, talents and motivations. Once the assessment is complete, students will have access to personally tailored career and education suggestions, plus a wealth of careers-related resources. Information about how to sign your child up for the test will be sent out in January.



Careers Twitter Feed

We will be relaunching the Parmiter's Careers Twitter feed, so please follow our account so that you will have access to up to date careers-related content [@parmcareersinfo](#)

Would you like to get involved?

As ever, we are really grateful for parental support with our careers programme at Parmiter's; there is a wealth of careers-related experience and knowledge within our Parmiter's community. If you are in a position to offer a visit to your company, work experience for our students, give careers talks or interviews and/or participate in our careers evenings, please sign up [here](#) and I will be in touch..

Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter. If you would like to speak to me about anything careers-related please email j.zanetti@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

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