

October 2023

Dear Parent

We have a number of exciting careers events coming up this academic year for Year 10 students which I wanted to share, as well as resources to support with careers planning.

Work Experience - Monday 26 February – Friday 1 March

"There's no such thing as a career path, it's crazy paving and you lay it yourself" Sir Dominic Cadbury. Well done to the students that have already secured their placements and handed in their work experience forms. There has been a considerable amount of time given to work experience assemblies and research, so we hope that students feel empowered to discover their own placement, however parent support can also be crucial, whether it be with helping with making phone calls and sending emails or providing a potential friend/family contact where they might be able to work for the week. The deadline for forms is Friday 20th October and the expectation is that all students will need to attend a placement.

Post-16 Careers Fair - Thursday 23 November

All Year 10 students will be attending a Post-16 careers fair in the main hall during period 5 or 6. In attendance will be local colleges, sixth forms, training and apprenticeship providers as well as the armed forces. This will be a chance for you and your child to research which careers pathway will be right for them before they begin to make their choices the following Autumn term. If parents would like to attend, there will also be an open event between 2:40pm - 3:15pm where everyone is welcome.

Big Interview - Wednesday 6 December

All Year 10 students will be given the unique opportunity to have a face-to-face, supportive mock interview with a member of the local business community. In previous years we have had representatives from the likes of HMRC, Ageas, Wombles Bond Dickinson, Drew Smith and many more and students have a great sense of accomplishment in taking part. In order to prepare for this, after October half term, all students will need to complete a CV which the interviewer will use to support with their questions. Details of the CV writing will be provided in November by the tutor team, although students may want to get a head start with this.

Labour Market Information

Alongside Post-16 providers' websites, please take time for you and your child to visit the parent and student careers sections of the school website. Here you can find useful website links, careers magazines and documents to support the students in securing their desired destination, such as apprenticeships and personal statements. When considering particular jobs roles, it is always worth researching the prospects of that career, vacancies in the job sector and whether it is future-proofed, many of the careers website links feature this kind of detail.

<https://www.regentsparkcollege.org.uk/home/curriculum/careers/>

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school via email - info@regentspark.southampton.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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College Open Events - Southampton – 2023/2024

What to do before attending an open day:

- Before attending any open event, please confirm the need to book, date(s) and times with the college or sixth form.
- Read through the prospectus to help you plan which courses you want to know more about.
- Make a list of questions to ask.
- Plan to create a positive first impression on the college staff you talk to at the event: one of them could be your future tutor!
- Can't make an open event? **Many colleges have virtual open days, tour videos and other information on their website, which are available all year round.**

Please note: these dates are subject to change – we would urge you to check the college website regularly, prior to attending.

College	Website	Open Events
Barton Peveril Sixth Form College	www.barton-peveril.ac.uk/	4 Oct 2023. 4.30pm – 8.30pm 5 Oct 2023. 4.30pm – 8.30pm
Bitterne Park Sixth Form College	www.bitterneparksixthform.org.uk/	25 Jan 2024. 5.30pm – 7.30pm (TBC)
Brockenhurst College	Main Campus www.brock.ac.uk/	14 Oct 2023. 9:30am - 1:30pm 4 Nov 2023. 9:30am - 1:30pm 2 May 2024. 5.00pm – 8.00pm
	Marchwood Construction & Marine Technologies Centre https://www.brock.ac.uk/the-college/marchwood-centre/	23 Nov 2023. 4.00pm – 7.00pm 20 Mar 2024. 4.00pm – 7.00pm
	Beauty & Complimentary Therapies (Ultima) https://www.brock.ac.uk/the-college/ultima/	15 Nov 2023. 4:30pm – 7.00pm 8 May 2024. 4:30pm – 7.00pm
City College Southampton	www.southampton-city.ac.uk/	12 Oct 2023. 5.00pm – 7.00pm 18 Nov 2023. 10.00am - 12noon
Eastleigh College	www.eastleigh.ac.uk/	11 Oct 2023. 4:30pm – 7.00pm 9 Nov 2023. 4:30pm – 7.00pm 4 Mar 2024 (TBC) 11 Jun 2024. 4:30pm – 7.00pm

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Fareham College (all sites including CEMAST and CETC)	Community College www.fareham.ac.uk/	4 Oct 2023. 10.00am - 2.00pm 4 Oct 2023. 4.00pm - 7.30pm 14 Nov 2023. 4.00pm - 7.30pm 28 Feb 2023. 4.00pm - 7.30pm
Itchen Sixth Form College	www.itchen.ac.uk/	12 Oct 2023. 5.00pm - 8.00pm 14 Oct 2023. 10.00am - 1.00pm 1 May 2024. 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Peter Symonds College	www.psc.ac.uk/	3 Oct 2023. 5:30pm - 8:30pm 4 Oct 2023. 5:30pm - 8:30pm
Richard Taunton Sixth Form College	www.richardtaunton.ac.uk/	16 Nov 2023. 6.00pm - 8:30pm 12 Jun 2024. 6.00pm - 8:30pm
Sparsholt College	www.sparsholt.ac.uk	7 Oct 2023. 8.00am - 3.00pm 11 Nov 2023. 8.00am - 3.00pm 3 Feb 2024. 8.00am - 3.00pm 2 Mar 2024. 8.00am - 3.00pm 1 May 2024. 4.00pm - 7.00pm 13 Jun 2024. 4.00pm - 7.00pm
St Anne's Sixth Form	www.stannes6th.uk/	11 Oct 2023. 6.00pm - 8.00pm (TBC)
Totton College	www.totton.ac.uk/	10 Oct 2023. 5:30pm - 7:30pm 10 Nov 2023. 5:30pm - 7:30pm 4 Mar 2024. 5:30pm - 7:30pm 18 Jun 2024. 5:30pm - 7:30pm
SETA (apprenticeships)	www.setatraining.co.uk	Employer Open Evening (Under 18's must be accompanied by a parent or guardian) 6 Feb 2024 (Registration opens in Nov 23) Workshop Taster Day Oct 2023 (TBC)

For further guidance or to speak to a Careers Adviser, please email
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