

Lent Term 2023

CAREERS NEWS



Wimbledon College Careers Newsletter

It has been another jam-packed term with careers events happening across all of the College. We celebrated National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week by engaging students in a wide variety of tasks and activities. Our one to one interviews with Ms. Parrish have been continuing ensuring that all Syntax boys have a Post-16 education pathway.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

6 - 12 February 2023

Our **Careers Champions** have talked about apprenticeships linked to their subjects and introduced students to the Apprenticeship Arcade— a new resource designed by Amazing Apprenticeships.

Form Tutors used a Pop Quiz to dispel common myths and introduce apprenticeship to all students. **Figures** and **Rudiments** also learned about famous people and their apprenticeship journey.

In lessons **teachers** showed short videos about apprenticeships linked to their subjects which allowed students to understand what apprenticeships

are available in the subject they enjoy.

ASK Apprenticeships delivered a very informative online introduction session to **Year 8** on Higher & Degree Apprenticeships.

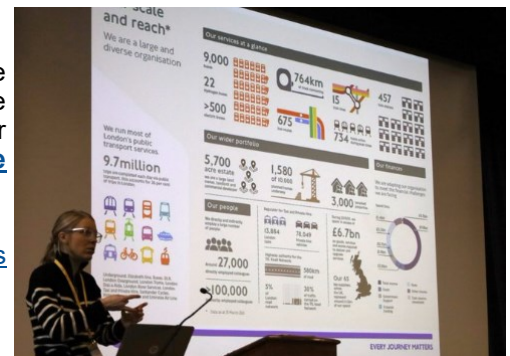
Year 11, 12 and 13 had the opportunity to take part in an apprenticeship information workshop with **LDN Apprenticeships**. During this workshop, they have been given an insight into industry opportunities in **IT, Business, Publishing, Marketing and Corporate Responsibility**.



Pupils across all year groups had the opportunity to sign up and listen to the **Metropolitan Police talk** about their **Gateway Apprenticeship programme**

(Level 4 & Level 6 apprenticeships).

Grammar students had a chance to hear all of the **career opportunities and apprenticeship** pathways that **TfL** has to offer.



Prince's Trust Mosaic Programme

31 boys from Rudiments took part in the Mosaic programme delivered by the Prince's Trust. They had seven sessions that helped them to focus on employability skills such as teamwork, communication and problem solving. In the final session there was an award ceremony where boys and their mentors reflected on skills they had developed over the seven sessions. A great programme, thank you so much for supporting Wimbledon College.





Wimbledon College celebrated the diverse range of careers and opportunities during National Careers Week.



Figures, Rudiments and Lower Grammar students took part in a Virtual Career Fair. This aimed to inspire, inform and support them to be better prepared for the future and raise awareness of the many career opportunities available.

Our Syntax boys had the opportunity to hear the CEO of Harlequin F.C. talk about his varied career path in the events & sports industry.



Grammar students learnt about how an idea becomes a business from Carrie Marsh who is the CEO and founder of Bootclaw.



Lower Grammar and Rudiments also met Old Wimbledonians Jay Tabb and Alex Addae-Brobbe.

Jay talked about his 16 years as a Pro-footballer, his time as a labourer, a golf caddy & now racehorse rider, raising awareness of the importance of transferable skills when it comes to career success.

Alex introduced our boys to his company BYCreative and how they combine web design, branding and social media to help solve business challenges for Start-Ups, SMEs and Corporations.



Our alumni Nick, Chris, Alex & Greg came back to discuss and give insights about their career journey to our Poetry (Yr12) students.



The Jack Petchey Speak Out team came in to host public speaking workshops with our Year 10s. The importance of oracy is well-known, not only for **university and job interviews**, but also for the building of **self-confidence and the ability to articulate our ideas and opinions clearly**.

As such, it was great to see so many boys of different interests and abilities engaging fully with the workshop leaders as they learnt the basics of structuring a speech, as well as how to add a few rhetorical flourishes. At the end of the sessions, the best three speakers were put forward to an assembly final. Here they performed in front of the serried ranks of the entire year group, the stalls filled to the rafters with Year 10 boys whose listening and respect were generally immaculate.

From these nine finalists, the three judges: *Miss Walker, Mr. Van der Hoeven, Miss Charlton*, had the unenviable job of picking out two winners to go through to the regional final, which was to be held in the final week of March. The winner was **Charlie Wilson**, who had ironically cobbled together at the last minute a very effective speech on the dangers of procrastination. Runner-up was **Evan Rushforth** on the importance of film-making and Art-house movies. At the time of writing, we were very much looking forward to the regional final performances.

Thank you to all of the external speakers who generously gave up their time to come and help the boys understand their future pathways and career goals !

Our Careers Champions

What is a Careers Champion?

One member of staff from each subject area who champions the role of careers learning and acts as a distribution point for information on careers in their subject.

- Business Studies: Ms. N'Jai
- Computer Science: Mr. Kuczewski
- English: Mrs. Black-Thompson
- Humanities: Mr. Skinner
- Mathematics & Economics: Mr. Van der Hoeven
- Modern Languages: Ms. Bagardie
- Performing Arts: Miss Moore
- Religious Studies: Mr. Stock
- Science: Mr. Sadiq
- Sixth Form: Mrs. Guinea
- Special Educational Needs : Ms. Denton