

# NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Careers Winter Update

I do hope you and your family are well and in good health.

Despite 2021 not being the start any of us expected, I wanted to keep you in the loop regarding career activity Newstead will be running this term, and how we have adapted our approach to ensure your child is still able to benefit from our award winning provision.

Back in the autumn term we began 1-2-1 Career Guidance Meetings with all Year 11 students to support them in choosing their A-level options. These have continued into January and we are now delivering the final few appointments online. As part of our anonymous survey, 100% of students said the appointment was 'very helpful', which is very encouraging.

Since January we have launched a Weekly Work Experience Round Up, which is being sent out to Year 9-13 students, advertising various online work experience opportunities. We have had several students receive acceptance offers from employers already. Work experience is vitally important in helping to provide insight into a career pathway.

We are also very excited to be able to launch our first Virtual Careers Café on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January** from **5pm-6pm**. If your daughter or son enjoys maths, data, economics, research, problem solving, etc. then this is an event not to be missed. We have seven professionals working in various areas in the financial sector, such as AON and JP Morgan, who will be sharing valuable insights on these topics with pupils. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and there is also a chance to win a mentoring opportunity at the end. This event is open to all year groups, so please do encourage your child to complete [the booking form](#) if they have not done so already.

Year 9 students will be receiving an email shortly with information to complete a Morrisby Aspirations Test. This is a programme that stays with the students throughout their school life. In Year 9 they will complete an interactive quiz providing them with career suggestions based on their preferences and interests, in order to better inform their GCSE choices.

We produce a Monthly Careers Newsletter, which all students, parents and carers receive. Our February edition will be focused on everything you need to know about Apprenticeships, so do look out for that.

The first week of March is National Careers Week. We will be hosting another Virtual Careers Café, as well as engaging with students in a variety of ways, which we will keep you updated with.



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All the information mentioned above can be found on the Newstead Wood website under 'Curriculum', which you can access here: [Career Learning & Development](#).

If you have any questions, comments or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Green.

Yours sincerely,

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