



# CAREERS @ NEWSTEAD

## Success Stories

### Message from Mrs Brown

*There is never a dull moment in the career department and I can honestly say there are so many things and people to celebrate!*

*Thank you firstly to our Career Ambassadors Abigail, Saynuka, Bailey and Noreen in Y12 and Anna, Lucy, Emily and Sharinny in Y10 who keep us sensitive to the student voice and have done a brilliant job in running activities through the year*

*Thank you to Heads of Year, Form Tutors and colleagues who have volunteered time to help out at career events, career trips or shared information with students.*

*I saw a post on social media which said if you were to highlight your top 5 career activities that really impact on student aspirations what would they be?*

*For me its:*

*1-2-1 career appointments*

*Career Ambassador Talks*

*Work Experience Week*

*Career Events/Opportunities*

*Career Trips/University Visits*

*What would yours be? we look forward to doing more of what's most important in the new academic year!*

### "ACE" Career Development Programme

Back in Autumn 2020 Mrs Brown developed the ACE Career Programme for Newstead students

We promised to support you by :

**ASSESSING** your career options and to create a personalised action plan

**CONNECTING** you with leading employers, universities and providers at events backed up by our supportive network of peers, parents and alumni

helping you to **EXPERIENCE** immersive work based learning opportunities to help develop the necessary skills and experience to achieve your career goals



We have run a huge number of events covering the above points and a large percentage of our students have participated in these events knowing that it will benefit them in the long term. This edition shows some of our Student Success Stories, but obviously we can't cover everything and everybody!

All year 11 students received a 1:1 general careers guidance interview and students from other years also had the chance of mock interviews/interview technique sessions with Mrs Brown, staff, alumni and parents



*"I applied for a Weapons Engineering Officer Scholarship for the Royal Navy. For my final assessment I had to undertake an interview with two high ranking officers for an hour. With Mrs Brown's help, both in interview technique and practice, I felt well equipped during the assessment and was awarded a full scholarship" Riyaaz W 13F*

*"For my PwC Degree Apprenticeship interview, Mrs Brown and I went through the STAR technique and some practice questions. She was able to give me positive feedback and constructive criticism, which helped me massively. I have since been awarded a Business Management Degree Apprenticeship" Aliyah N-B 13S*



EXTERNAL LINKS

The Careers Team set up links with external companies and offered students the chance to take part in Morrisby, Young Reporters, One Search Finance Scholarship, Fantasy Wings, a trip to Ninety One and 8 Billion Ideas as well as many others



*"I have been doing the Young Reporter scheme this year...I have learnt so much...how to write a good article ..learning about a career in the media. I would definitely recommend this to any student., regardless of what career you have in mind because the skills that you develop through writing & speaking to people are incredibly valuable and can be applied anywhere" Vivia S 10G*



*"8billionideas helped me in so many ways. It completely shifted my perspective on jobs and made me truly think about my future" Lucy W 10W*

Luiseach D 12H, Nethra A 12N, Rhea RC 12N and Louisa F 12N attended the trip to Ninety One Finance Asset Management and were winners of the stock competition

INTERNAL EVENTS

The Careers Team offered internal events such as a CV drop in clinic, 2 Career Cafes looking at jobs with Art/Design and Geography, also sessions covering LinkedIn, Choosing GSCEs and Making the Most of Work Experience for a variety of year groups

Maya R 12S successfully used LinkedIn to contact alumni and secured not one but two work experience placements through networking online



UNIVERSITY OPPORTUNITIES

We notified students about the Target Oxbridge programme. Target Oxbridge aims to support high achieving UK black students to make a competitive application to Oxford or Cambridge.

Aliyah R 12P had some interview prep in school and then went on to be accepted by the programme



We sent weekly emails about obtaining work experience during school holidays and also emails about specific programmes. A monthly newsletter is also produced



*"The Careers Team sent out information about work experience with Credit Suisse, and enrolled me on the programme" Amelie Bissell 13G*

*"The Careers Team has been fantastic and has helped with finding the right work experiences for us, by regularly sharing placement opportunities".*

Gayathri B 11F

## CAREERS WEEK

Last but not least we ran 2 large events during Careers Week, as well as helping the Year 10 students organise virtual work experience or online courses and the Year 12 students organise their face to face work experience - 1st time since Covid! It's great to be back!

**Year 10 Stem Networking Event:** 16 female presenters came into school to talk to the students about their career path/their current STEM roles. What a fabulous opportunity to learn about various jobs within the Royal Navy; Graphic Design, Engineering at Gatwick, Lego Procurement and much more!

**Year 9 STEM activities day:** Students were able to participate in a range of STEM activities such as Diagnostics, Emergency Assistance, Electric Vehicles, Robotics and EFIT. The students had great fun learning how to build with lego, how to save a person's life and how to be aware of distraction thieves, amongst others

*"Really liked the events and think this would be brilliant next year. Well organised and I felt very secure with everything" Mrs Meader, Head of Year 9*

*"A well organised event with engaging speakers, very informative for the year 10 students, covering a variety of careers many of which the students had not previously considered. Thank you to both Mrs Brown and Mrs Green for organising" Mr Atkins, Head of Year 10*

*"Well done for organising such a full 2-day event. I think the selection of presenters (for Y10) and activities (for Y9) was very good and students were very engaged" Mr Koukouvitakis, Head of Year 11*

### What's coming up at Newstead

18th August

Year 13 exam results

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25th August

GCSE exam results

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w/c 19th September

1:1 Year 11 career guidance interviews start

All the information that we produce can be found on the Newstead Wood Website, click on "Curriculum" and then "Career Learning and Development"

**Good Luck!**  
to everyone waiting for  
results,  
from the Careers Team

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