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Dear All,

Welcome to the first edition of the SET Careers Bulletin. You'll be receiving regular updates from your careers team via this Bulletin with news, useful links and information. But please do talk to Careers Leaders in School or contact me jstockman@seckfordeducation.org.uk if you want to discuss anything else careers. And don't forget, 'careers' includes education, learning, training, jobs, part time work volunteering and anything else along the way.

Careers education is seen as a cornerstone of the preparation students receive as they progress from Year 7 to Year 11. SET's comprehensive careers programme provides students with access to knowledge, information and skills they require to understand and access the breadth of options open to them following their secondary education. [Details of SET careers policy can be found here](#)

As we settle into the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the SET careers team and give you a flavour of the new careers programme that is being established across the Trust.

The Careers Team

Careers leaders Hayley Coles and Paul Rearden, along with myself, plan and implement activities and resources that help prepare students for their choices and transitions in education, training and employment. A big part of the programme is development of staff understanding and engagement, as contextualising potential career pathways within curriculum learning is key to students engaging with 'the point' of education.

The Careers Programme

This careers programme includes careers education in Enrichment for every year group; employer encounters; learning about the labour market; understanding post 16 choices as well as longer term

pathways; opportunities for one to one careers guidance; work experience (COVID allowing); mock interviews; contextualisation of the world of work within the curriculum; CV building and skills evaluation. Students will be adding to their Personal Education Plan (PEP) folder throughout their journey in school, so that by the time they reach Year 11 they have a personal portfolio enabling them to reference milestones on their learning journey, evidence skills acquired and tools that help them fulfil their aspirations. The full programme can be seen here ([link to SET website when programme uploaded](#)).

Careers in Enrichment

Careers in Enrichment has already started for Year 7 with an induction into using their PEP for careers as well as their academic learning journey, exploration of what workplace and life skills are and an introduction to career management skills such as curiosity, self-knowledge, self-confidence, resilience, optimism and persistence.

Mock interviews

Stepping out into the world of work usually involves being able to talk about ourselves in an interview situation. Year 11 students all get the opportunity to see what this involves, right through from CV preparation, researching the opportunity and then working out what they can say about themselves and their suitability for the role. I'd like to thank all the amazing volunteer interviewers for their help with this activity.

Post 16/Careers Fair

We like to introduce Post-16 options nice and early in the academic year for year 11 students as the choices open to them after GCSEs can be quite confusing as options such as T Levels or Traineeships are added to the list of possible pathways that already included Sixth Form, College, A Levels, BTECs and apprenticeships. COVID allowing, providers and employers come together for an evening to meet with parents/carers and students to talk through what might be their best pathway and how to navigate it.

The Virtual Careers Library

New to SET is our Virtual Careers Library. This is rapidly having resources and information added to it for students and parents/carers to access together. <https://www.setcareers.org.uk/> We have gathered together useful information and links to help with career and pathway choices. We are adding to this all the time and will be posting live opportunities regularly. There has already been feedback from students about what would be useful, so as a starter we'll be explaining UCAS points and why it's worth knowing about them when making Post-16 choices, and questions to ask yourself to work out which post-16 pathway is right for you.

Enough news for our first edition.

Until next time



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