

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Careers Week 4th to 9th March 2024 – message 2 of 5

National Careers Week is taking place this week and as part of this national event, I will be writing to you throughout the week with some different information.

What is National Careers Week?

Deciding on a future career path can be both exciting and challenging. Whatever year group your child is in, they should be starting to think about their next steps and possible future career. Even if they're not yet certain about what they want to do, there's lots of resources and advice available to help them think or decide. This includes the information advice and guidance provided through the careers programme we run for all year groups in school and the myriad of helpful resources available online or through other organisations.

Whilst we shouldn't only be thinking about careers and next steps for one week a year, National Careers Week does provide a dedicated time frame to focus on exploring career opportunities, understanding individual potentials, and setting ambitious and achievable goals for the future.

National Careers Week is also a celebration of the many and varied career opportunities available. It aims to empower individuals, especially students and young adults, to make informed career decisions by providing resources, guidance, and insights into various professions.

Tuesday

National Apprenticeship Week ran from 5th to 11th February this year. Take a look at some of the apprenticeships on offer on the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education website to find an apprenticeship that may be of interest to you:

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/>.

Don't forget to continue to look at the National Careers Week Virtual Fair where the today's information is sponsored by the NHS Health Careers <https://ncw2024.co.uk/>. Here you can learn about the 350 different job opportunities available to you in the NHS. The NHS will also be expanding its workforce over the next 15 years with increasing opportunities for young people to kickstart their NHS career. The NHS Long Term Workforce Plan was launched last June and sets out how the NHS will ensure it has the workforce it needs for the future.

And it's definitely not all about degrees. There'll be more healthcare support worker opportunities with progression via apprenticeships also available.

Finally, if a patient-facing role isn't the right thing there will be more opportunities in digital roles as well as estates and facilities and many others.

What can you do to support?

Throughout the rest of this week, I'll be writing to you every day to signpost some of the resources you can use this week and beyond. Please look out for these on Weduc and Classcharts and if you can, spend a little time with your child discussing them and helping them access the resources. Of course, the role of parents/carers in raising the aspirations of children is vital, so showing an interest, asking them lots of questions about their possible future plans or just encouraging them to chase their dreams will all go a long way to helping them!

Thank you in advance for your support. I hope that this information makes sense, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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Careers Coordinator