

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Careers Week 4th to 9th March 2024 – message 3 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.

Wednesday

Wednesday is being sponsored by Young Enterprise and AAT (the association of Accounting Technicians). They are showcasing opportunities for young people to develop enterprise skills while still in school, as well as how school leavers can access practical next steps into entrepreneurship by considering financial careers with support from AAT. Visit the National Careers Week Virtual Career Fair to find out more <https://ncw2024.co.uk/>.

Room 4 is full of information on the Humber Outreach Programme (HOP) offer impartial advice and guidance to students to help them make confident and informed decisions about their futures.

Whether that be progressing to University, taking on an apprenticeship or studying a vocational course at college, The HOP are here to help you understand your options and make the right choice.

Take a look at the Prospects.ac.uk website too which highlights some of the important skills that employers look for <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/applying-for-jobs/what-skills-do-employers-want> and start thinking about some of the skills that your child needs to succeed in their dream career.

What can you do to support?

Spend a little time with your child discussing the careers opportunities 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