


 Career

Careers Newsletter Summer Term


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This has been a busy term in the Careers Department with a number of exciting events taking place for the girls. We hope you enjoy finding out a little more about what they have been up to.

Careers Fair

On Wednesday 2 May, the Dickinson building was transformed into a Careers Fair for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and geography. Industry and educational professionals from a wide range of fields came to visit and provide information about their jobs, courses and career pathways.

The exhibitors included dentists, vets, physiotherapists, conservation volunteers, child therapists, engineers, midwives and many more! There was even a special visit from a therapy rabbit. As well as the exhibition, there were talks from a pilot, a clinical scientist, a chartered surveyor, a manufacturing engineer, a graphic designer, a social care worker, a structural engineer, a microbiologist and a defence engineer.

It was a very informative evening and we hope that it has helped to inspire many of our **Years 6-11** pupils.



Prep Eco School girls have been working with the Year 10 Young Enterprise team to design, produce and market some reusable shopping bags. The Prep girls were introduced to fundamental marketing by the YE team and have enjoyed selling their bags this term.

following link: <https://www.wisecampaign.org.uk/people-like-me>

Year 6 enjoyed a Science/Art workshop with visiting pupils from Nash Mills Primary School and have also participated in a transition to Year 7 induction day.

Years 8 & 9 pupils and parents attended a 'Risk to Resilience' Workshop

Year 8 undertook the Morrisby aspirations questionnaire and now have lifelong access to the website. This will be built upon throughout Year 9 as they begin to make their GCSE choices and again further in Year 10, when the girls complete the full aptitudes profile and may opt for subsequent interviews with a Morrisby professional. Further information about the Morrisby profile may be found on their website: <https://www.morrisby.com/parents>

Years 9 and 10 girls and their mothers were invited to a 'People Like Me' Mothers and Daughters evening on Tuesday 12 June.

Year 8 were also introduced to the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) 'People Like Me' initiative to discover more about the type of person they are. More information about the campaign can be found through the





They undertook a 'speed dating' activity with ten representatives from science industries to find out more about the range of opportunities available to them. The mothers enjoyed a talk regarding some of the benefits of their daughter keeping a science based subject beyond GCSE. Feedback from the girls and mothers can be found on the Abbot's Hill website.

Year 10 pupils and parents attended the Post 16 Information Evening to gather insights from guest speakers regarding the local consortium, boarding in the Sixth Form, subjects 'new' to Abbot's Hill pupils, the International Baccalaureate and alternative educational pathways.

Years 10 and 11 enjoyed a series of careers clinics during PSHCEE at the start of term where they chose from a range of activities to explore further including Sixth Form research, alternatives to A levels, interviews, applications and subjects required for specific university degrees.

Year 11 have completed a week of work experience in a range of industries; this year some of the placements include work in schools, veterinary surgeries, GP surgeries, high street shops, solicitors and the Home Office among many others. We hope that these experiences have been of immense value to each of the girls. We enjoyed hearing about their placements in the work experience debrief and awarding them with their certificate in Mark Reading.

PSHCEE continues to include a range of opportunities for all age groups to self-reflect and consider their strengths, opportunities for development and recognition of transferable skills.

The Careers Room remains open at all times of the day (outside of lessons!) for pupils to peruse the wealth of opportunities available to them and receive guided support on how to follow their interests and aspirations further.

Coming up next half term:

11 September

– Years 10 & 11 Careers Clinics in PSHCEE

14 September

– Girls Go Gold conference (selected pupils)

18 September

– Year 11 Interviews Workshop

25 September

– Year 11 Mock Interview

25 September

– Sixth Form Forum
(Years 10 & 11 pupils and parents)

27 September

– Year 11 Food and Nutrition Trip to the Hospitality and Catering Department of West Herts College, Watford

28 September

– Year 9 (selected pupils) Persuasive Public Speaking Day Workshop, St Mary's School, Cambridgeshire

02 October

– Years 10 & 11 Careers Clinics in PSHCEE

09 October

– Careers Talk (Years 10 & 11)

15 October

– Selected Years 7 & 8 pupils GSA STEM activity day, Cambridge

