

It has been a busy first term predominantly for year 10 and 11 as they get closer to making key decisions about their future. The first event was;

The Farnborough Academy Careers Fair

We always host our own careers fair at the Academy which, this year, was open to years 9, 10 and 11 pupils and parents. This is always a hugely successful event as we have providers from a wide range of colleges, Universities, local businesses, apprenticeships, Army, Navy, Marines and many more offering help and advice to pupils about their futures.



Accelerating Confidence – East Midlands Airport

This exciting project was launched to all our year 10 pupils at the start of the term offering 10 pupils the opportunity to take part in a series of visits to the airport in order to build on their employability skills, grow in confidence and get an insight of all aspects involved with working at the airport. Pupils were invited to complete an application and we had a very encouraging response. We then had the very difficult job of selecting the final 10! To date the pupils involved have already had 3 visits, all of which are filmed in order to track and feedback on their progress. The visits have included ice breaker activities, speed networking where the pupils had the opportunity to interview a range of employers from the airport including; a pilot, security, customers services and ground staff. The pupils have also taken part in a 'retail

challenge' where they had to present their ideas to staff from the airport and their peers. We have already seen a noticeable change in the confidence of these pupils and we are looking to extend this type of opportunity to more pupils involving more businesses – watch this space!

Nottingham Trent University



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TRENT UNIVERSITY

In October a representative from Nottingham Trent University came to speak to year 10 in assembly about the number of opportunities and activities they can get involved in prior to leaving the Academy. The scheme is called NTU Progression and pupils can access this via www.ntu.ac.uk/progression some of the opportunities include potential work experience placements. If pupils or parents require any further information regarding this scheme they are welcome to contact Miss Boseley.



Ambition – University of Nottingham

Also in October our year 11 pupils involved with the Ambition project at The University of Nottingham had their final campus visit. The visit included a look around the halls of residence to give the pupils an idea of the catering facilities, rooms and shared bathroom facilities. They also had the opportunity to talk to students to find out what it is like. The pupils also did a session on finance to help them understand how to budget if they were to attend University. Finally they also had the opportunity to interview a number of employers from the University

including the Student Union and Student Welfare.

We have also launched the Ambition project to our current year 7's and the pupils selected are due a campus visit in January.

Our current year 8's, who are involved in the project, have their next campus visit scheduled for February.

Bright Day(s) – Bright Futures

In October Bright Futures hosted the Bright Day for year 11. This included taking the whole of the year group to the careers fair held at Harvey Hadden in Bilborough where the pupils had the opportunity to talk to a vast range of colleges, FE, Universities, sixth form, apprenticeships and have the opportunity to collect as much literature and information as they could. When the pupils returned to the Academy they took part in a number of tailored workshops linked with future pathways including CV workshops, sessions led by Nottingham Trent, Apprenticeships First, Nottingham University and British Gypsum. The pupils fed back that they found the day very useful in preparing them for their next steps.

In December Bright Futures hosted year 10 and the theme of this day was 'preparing pupils for work experience' The day started with a careers fair held in our main hall where a number of local businesses and colleges came to offer their support and advice to our pupils and guided them on their choices based on

what they wanted to do in the future. This was followed by a number of tailored workshops to support the pupils with the process of applying including; CV writing, application and letter writing, role plays and interview skills. We also had outside providers including Nottingham City Council, Addo Foods and Nottingham Trent University delivering workshops. The feedback from the pupils was that the day was very useful in giving them the tools to now look and apply for a work experience placement. Please also note that the ***dates for work experience this year are week commencing Monday 10th September – Friday 14th September for one week only.*** The pupils should start securing placements now! If you require any further information please contact Miss Boseley.

Event Spark



Our team of year 10 pupils involved in the Event Spark project have progressed considerably since our last update in summer. They are in the process of organising an event to raise awareness of anti-social behaviour in their community. They have been discussing the theme, location of the event and the type of entertainment. They have been working brilliantly as a team with support from the staff at 'Blue Monday Events'. It is proposed that their event will take place in March at a location in Clifton and we will be sure to let you know when tickets become available – watch this space!!

Business Mentoring

A number of our year 11 pupils have been allocated a business mentor to support them in the lead up to their GCSE exams. We have mentors from large companies such as; Rolls Royce and British Gypsum. The role of the business mentor is to look at the pupils' goals and aspirations and identify what action they need to take to assist in helping the pupils achieve these.



Ideas for Careers

Selected pupils from year 11 are also involved in this new initiative. The team from 'Ideas for Careers' have been into the Academy to work with the pupils on developing key employability skills. They also give them guidance on applying for college, jobs, and apprenticeships. In addition to this they have had the opportunity to meet employers from different sectors and ask them about their career paths. The main aim of the sessions is to ensure that these pupils are fully prepared for life after Farnborough.



National Citizens Service (NCS)

A representative from NCS came to our year 11 parents evening to talk to pupils and their parents about this great opportunity which pupils can sign up to and involve themselves in when they leave the Academy. They will also be coming into every year 11 tutor group in January to talk about the scheme and hopefully sign up a few more pupils. The scheme is a great way to start your summer holidays and helps build confidence, develop skills employers'

value and meet new people. To find out more visit www.ncsefltrust.co.uk



Futures

Our two futures advisors started interviewing our year 11 pupils in September to ensure they are on track for their plans 'post Farnborough.' Every pupil in year 11 will receive at least one interview. Once we are happy that all year 11 are prepared we will then start interviewing year 10 to discuss their plans for leaving Farnborough. The futures advisors provide every pupil with an action plan to guide them.



EMA pupils interviewing a Pilot from Easy Jet!



Careers Fair



Event Spark pupils – planning session