Wadham School

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"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10

September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Careers Newsletter

Students in all year groups at Wadham School receive targeted careers education within PD lessons throughout the academic year. We also provide students with a range of opportunities to access up-to-date careers information and education at workshops, career fairs, school trips and from visitors in school.

By the end of Year 11, all students receive at least one 1:1 careers advice session with the school's CEIAG advisor.

Term 1&2 Careers Events.	
Year 7	September – Future Skills Questionnaire November/December – PD Careers lessons – Economy and me; Values, goals and skills; Setting goals at work; Workplace skills; Breaking limits.
Year 8	November/December – PD Careers lessons - Economy and me; Values, goals and skills; Setting goals at work; Workplace skills; Breaking limits TBC – Future Ready Work Experience visit
Year 9	September – Future Skills Questionnaire 7th October – Somerset Careers Fair trip November/December – PD Careers lessons – Skills and Qualities; Career ideas; Routes into education and employment; Work Patterns and Workplaces; managing workplace pressure; Preparation for Option choices; Post 16 options
Year 10	Before October half term - Work Experience Launch November/December – PD Careers lessons - Skills and Qualities; Career ideas; Routes into education and employment; Work Patterns and Workplaces; managing workplace pressure; Post 16 options
Year 11	w/b 7th September – Work Experience de-brief 8th September – Inspirational speaker Sir Ian Diamond 14th September – Year 11 Parental Careers letter Ongoing – 1:1 Careers interviews 21st September – Yeovil College Assembly 22nd September – National Apprenticeship Show trip 28th September – Richard Huish College Assembly 4th and 5th November – Mock interviews 9th November – Kingston Maurward trip Nov/Dec – PD Careers lessons – Ambition; Making a good first impression (ahead of mock interviews); Identifying Career preferences; navigating career landscapes and LMI; mapping a career path, Post 16 options; decision making 9th December – Trip to Bath University

Term 3,4,5&6 Careers Events.	
Year 7	Technical Provider talk Further PD Careers Lessons NHS Employer talk Take your child to work day – 1st March 2027
Year 8	Further Careers PD lesson Technical Provider talk Employer talk Take your child to work day – 1st March 2027 Further Future Ready Fund work experience trip Year 8 Futures Trip – Yeovil College – 1st July 2027
Year 9	Technical Provider talk Take your child to work day – 1st March 2027 Options Assembly & Options Evening 18th March 2027 Employer talk Further Careers PD Lessons 1:1 Careers interviews with Beth Church
Year 10	Further Careers PD lesson Technical Provider talk Year 10 Experience Day trip to Yeovil College – 30th June 2027 Work Experience – 19th – 22nd July 2027 1:1 Careers interviews with Beth Church
Year 11	Year 11 GCSE Evening – 14th January 2027 Further Careers PD lesson 1:1 Careers interviews with Beth Church Technical Provider talk Apprenticeship Workshops

Events and Opportunities.
Routes after year 11 - Routes after year 11
Somerset Careers Hub Careers Information - Students & Parents/Carers Careers padlet from Somerset Careers Hub
UCS College Group (Bridgwater, Taunton, Strode, Cannington) – Pathway Information Evenings for parents - 16th September – Strode 17th September – Taunton 22nd September - Bridgwater
Coastland College Open Event (Kingston Maurward) – 22nd September, 17th October and 21st November
Exeter Maths School Taster sessions – 3rd October, 7th November, 12th December
Richard Huish College Open Events – 8th and 10th October
Exeter College Open Event – 8th October, 18th November
Holyrood Sixth Form Open Event – 12th October
UCS Open Event – Taunton site – 14th October
UCS Open Event – Strode site – 15th October
UCS Open Event – Bridgwater site – 20th October
Yeovil College – 15th October, 26th November
UCS Open Event – Cannington site – 14th November
Yeovil College SEN and High Needs Open Event – 3rd December

SEND Information
Somerset Careers Hub SEND - SEND - Somerset Careers Hub
Imagine the possibilities resource - Imagine the Possibilities
Somerset's SEND local offer - Somerset's SEND Local Offer

Apprenticeship Opportunities
Apprenticeship Vacancies – Find an apprenticeship Don't forget to look on employer websites, as not all employers use the gov.uk website.
Apprenticeships and their benefits – 8 minute animated film - Apprenticeship Animated Film
Leonardo Apprenticeships – Open 19th October Apprenticeship Opportunities | Leonardo UK

Higher Education Information
UCAS; discover degrees and entry requirements - Choose your future | UCAS
Next Steps South West Information What is Higher Education?
Student Finance information - Student Finance England Website & access the Toolkit

Year 10 Work Experience
Work Experience will be launched to all year 10's this term. Following the launch, a letter will be sent home to all parents and carers. All students will be given a personal PIN to be able to access this database. Please can parents support their student in contacting and securing placements and please ensure the parental agreement forms are returned promptly to Mrs Kinglake Link2 - Student Log In (learnaboutwork.net)

Wadham also has a comprehensive Careers section on the school website: Wadham School - Careers. which includes a live stream of the Student, Parents and Carer padlet developed by the Somerset Careers Hub and the Wadham Careers calendar.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting me directly: bchurch@wadhamschool.co.uk

Yours faithfully,



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