



Hillcrest School Careers Week

4th - 8th March 2024

During our Careers Week students will participate in a series of careers-related learning activities in lessons. In addition, all students in Years 7-13 will participate in our Careers Fayre on Thursday 7th March.

English

Year 7: students will be studying descriptive writing and will be asked to consider what famous writers they know, and consider what skills you need to become a successful writer.

Years 8-10: students will learn how to draft and write a personal statement for a college/sixth form application. They will look at formal writing, reflecting on their skills and persuasive writing.

The department offer a lunch time 'meet team English session'. Students in Years 7-13 will have the opportunity to meet the English team and discuss their work experiences, skills and link to other jobs staff have done besides teaching.

Mathematics

Lessons and activities will focus on specific careers

Year 7 – students will learn how a decorator uses Mathematical skills

Year 8 - students will learn how a builder/engineer uses Mathematical skills

Year 9 - students will learn how a product designer uses Mathematical skills

Year 10 - students will learn how a F1 Car Designer uses Mathematical skills

Science

Students will learn about career opportunities in and out of Science lessons:

- Careers Fayre participants: University of Birmingham student recruitment and admissions, University of Birmingham STEM students, Head of B2B Marketing Legal & General, Doctor – psychology, mental health and sectioning, Civil engineer Elliot Wood, Software engineer Apple and Physiotherapist Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
- KS3 Giant Science Club - careers presentation led by WISE (Women in Science and Engineering).
- Year 9 'hour of industry' - four different industries presented and students complete a range of tasks related to that industry, including Network Rail Engineer, Doctor, Researcher and Meteorologist.
- Year 10 Electrical Engineering day
- KS4 and 5 STEM careers talk by Dr Maia Pavlidou (University of Birmingham)
- Year 11 and KS5 lunchtime workshop to focus on T-Levels, Further and Higher education, Careers Network & Student recruitment at the University of Birmingham

History

- Starters in lessons will be careers based across all year groups (for example 'what skills can analysing sources in History teach you and how does this link to careers?')
- A different careers spotlight for each day of the week to be highlighted in lessons and different types of careers relating to History to be discussed using the attached document. Staff are planning to focus on individuals (famous and not famous) who have studied History but gone on to do something else to highlight the transferable skills (for example, at the moment our careers spotlight is Louis Theroux, who studied History and became a journalist)

Geography

- Staff will focus on a humanitarian decision making exercise for Years 7, 8 and 9. This will involve students taking the role of a humanitarian and taking part in a decision making exercise involving making decisions to minimise damage to society from geographical hazards. Students will also investigate a wider range of careers linked with this such as foreign aid workers, civil-engineers/geotechnical engineers, and policy makers.
- Students in Year 10 will take part in an economic trading simulation in which they will each have different career based roles such as *resource manager* and *negotiator*. There will be a focus on what is involved in each role and the skills that are important to those roles.

Technology

- Starter activities in all lessons will link to job opportunities in the local labour market
- Information will be incorporated into all Year 7-11 lessons about apprenticeship opportunities in local labour markets
- Food Technology students in Years 9 and 10 will participate in a 'Feeding Britain's Future' workshop and will have the chance to meet employers and employees from five leading businesses in the food and grocery sector
- Food Technology students in Years 9 and 10 will visit the Novotel in Birmingham City Centre to meet staff to explore the hotel sector.

Performing Arts

Music

Year 10 - students will focus on careers in film looking at the life and music of Hans Zimmer

Year 8 - students will participate in a blues song writing session

Year 7 - students will learn about different career opportunities as a performer

Drama

Year 9 and 10 students will meet Jaspreet Kaur (Drama student at Newman University) to focus on pathways in Drama, career opportunities locally and nationally and how Drama has helped Jaspreet to now become a successful lawyer.

Dance

All starter activities in lessons will focus on career opportunities in dance and how skills can be transferred to other sectors.

French/Spanish

Students in Years 7-10 will complete a series of quizzes on careers in languages. These tasks have been designed to tackle the myths that exist about which jobs people can do with languages qualifications and experience.