Careers Bulletin March 2022

Welcome to the half termly Blatchington Mill Careers Bulletin. The aim of the publication is to keep you informed about what is happening at Blatch, as well as opportunities that are available for both parents/carers and students.

If you have any queries, ideas or need general information in regard to futures and/or careers, please contact us using the email address here: careers@blatchingtonmill.org.uk

Opportunities available

Year 11 National Citizen Service

National Citizen Service (NCS) has a fantastic opportunity for students in **Year 11.**

This year's NCS summer experience will be a 2 week programme, giving your teen the chance to gain their independence, get out of the house and stay away from home.

What are the benefits?

- It's only £50 for the entire programme, including transport and food for the first 2 phases (bursaries are available)
- NCS enhances students CVs
- NCS enhances their college applications
- NCS is recognised by UCAS and will benefit their personal statements
- NCS improves confidence and offers skills essential for starting work
- Your teen can gain brand new skills and become more independent
- NCS allows your teen to volunteer to help worthy causes
- Allows them the chance to stay away from home

It's an exciting opportunity and not one to be missed. Students can only do it whilst they are 16 or 17, so if they're looking for a new challenge or a chance to get out the house and make a difference, visit wearencs.com and register today, places are limited.

NCS will have a stall in the **canteen on Monday 14th March during the lunch break.** This will allow students to speak with them and gain further information about the experience.

Open events - Met College

Met College are looking forward to welcoming students to their March open events

Northbrook MET - West Durrington, Broadwater & Shoreham Airport campuses
Wednesday 2 March - 5-8pm

Brighton MET - Central and East campuses
Wednesday 9 March 5-8pm

Open event information:

https://www.gbmc.ac.uk/open-events-2021-22

Booking is not essential but it helps Met to have an idea of the number of visitors they are expecting. You can book your place here.

Dates for your diary - Year 10 College Taster Days

We have been given 2 more dates for Year 10 taster days, more information about these events will be sent to you nearer the time.

BHASVIC - Wednesday 13th July

Varndean - Friday 1st July and Monday 11th July (provisional)

National Apprenticeship Week

The week beginning 7th February was National Apprenticeship week.
To mark National Apprenticeship Week 2022, an email from the Department for Education has been sent to schools and colleges containing 2 letters from the Skills Minister, Alex Burghart.
Use this link to read the letters and access information about apprenticeships.

Labour Market Information (LMI)

As part of the regular bulletins, we will be including any labour market information we have available to keep you abreast of where new opportunities are likely to arise as well as what is currently available within the labour market.

The Office for National Statistics link below gives national information that gives estimates as well as regional, local authority and Parliamentary constituency breakdowns of changes in the UK of employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and other employment-related statistics for the UK.

Click here for the national picture.

Click here for a breakdown of information broken down into regions of the UK.

Click here for Brighton and Hove local economic information

Job HotSpot

In this bulletin we are giving you an insight into working with IT.

Despite recent challenges posed by COVID-19, the UK's information technology (IT) sector has shown its resilience through continued growth, with skilled workers needed to fuel this momentum.

What areas of IT can I work in?

According to Tech Nation's *UK tech in 2020* review, just under three million people were employed in the UK's digital tech economy - an increase of 11% within two years.

In addition, at the end of 2020, the *UK Tech Ecosystem update* - a Tech Nation report supported by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport and the Digital Economy Council - revealed that a tenth of all UK job vacancies are tech roles.

So, if you possess the relevant knowledge and technical skills, you could work in:

- applications development
- computer forensics
- content management
- cyber security and risk management
- data analysis and analytics
- game development

- geographical information systems (GIS)
- hardware engineering
- information management
- IT consultancy (business and technical)
- IT sales
- multimedia programming
- software engineering (designing, building, developing and testing)
- systems/network management
- technical support
- telecommunications
- web design/development.

For instance, your job may involve creating applications or systems, solving problems with technology or supporting those who use it. Employers in the IT industry also require graduates to work in their business, marketing, human resources (HR) and finance functions.

Many IT professionals also choose to work outside the sector, such as in the IT departments of retail, finance, manufacturing and public sector organisations.

<u>Employer Database</u>

At Blatchington Mill School we are looking to develop our careers provision and would like to increase opportunities and links with local employers and employees. Our aim is to build a database of willing employers and their employees who we can call on in the future to help us. We would like to thank parents/carers of Year 7 and 8 students for already providing similar information on your child's registration form. We would kindly ask you to complete our survey as well, as we are very aware that circumstances may change.
If you feel you are able to help with this, please click here to complete a short survey.

For more careers education information, advice and guidance visit the careers page on Blatchington Mill School website by clicking here.