EOTAS Careers and Destinations Newsletter 2022 No.2







EOTAS Careers Fair

Year 10 and Year 11 students across all EOTAS colleges attended our Careers Fair on the 17th November at the Legends Lounge, Swindon Town Football Club. Employers and post-16 colleges included New College, Cirencester College, Catalent, Whitehead Ross, Green Labyrinth, NHS, SERCO and the Army. We also welcomed students from a

number of other schools in the area to the event.

Students' Feedback:

- * 'My favourite part of the event was the conversations'
- * 'I have ideas for my future
 - I have more options'

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'My favourite part of the event was 100% the Army. It was so interesting. I loved it so much and it was really fun'

Year 11 Post-16 pathways

We will be continuing to support our Year 11s to explore in depth what options they have so that they can make informed decisions in terms of applications for their post-16 pathways, and start submitting applications.

Careers leads in each college who will support Y11s in their post-16 applications along with tutor teams are as follows:

Danny at Oakfield

Rob at Fernbrook

Kate M at Riverside

There are a wide range of post-16 pathways:

Pathway 1: Combine work and study

Apprenticeships

Work alongside experienced staff to learn while you earn a wage.

Age: 16 and over Cost: free

Leads to: higher education, another apprenticeship or another job **Might be for you if:** you want to have a real job while you gain a qualification

T Levels

Get a mix of learning in the classroom and on the job.

Age: 16 to 19 Cost: free

Leads to: higher education, an apprenticeship or getting a job

Might be for you if: you'd like to know what a career is like while you continue your studies

<u>Traineeships</u>

Develop new skills in the workplace and in the classroom.

Age: 16 to 24 Cost: free

Leads to: an apprenticeship, getting a job or further study

Might be for you if: you want to do an apprenticeship but do not feel ready yet

Vocational Technical Qualifications (VTQs)

Gain skills and experience in a specific job or sector, such as childcare or engineering.

Age: 16 and over Cost: free

Leads to: further study, volunteering or getting a job

Might be for you if: you'd really like to work in a particular job or industry

Pathway 2: Study

Higher education

Choose a subject to study at a university, college or specialist school

Age: 16 and over

Cost: tuition fees vary depending on the course

Leads to: further study, graduate schemes or getting a job

Might be for you if: you really enjoy a subject or you want to get a job that needs a degree, such as a doctor or a vet

A levels

Study several subjects you enjoy at school, college or sixth form.

Age: 16 and over Cost: free

Leads to: an apprenticeship, higher education or getting a job **Might be for you if:** you prefer learning in the classroom

Pathway 3: Work

Supported internships if you have an education, health and care plan

Spend time in the workplace while you follow a study plan designed especially for you.

Age: 16 to 24 Cost: free Leads to: a paid job

Might be for you if: you'd like support and training to get a paid job

Timeline

January onwards:

- Students to start completing applications for their chosen post-16 pathways
- ⇒ Invitations to interviews from post-16 providers to take place
- ⇒ Post-16 provider offers confirmed

Useful links:

www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Apprenticeship workshop 5th January

For all Year 11st interested in applying for apprenticeships, we will be running a workshop via Teams for all colleges. This will provide some background around apprenticeships, where to look, and helpful tip and hints for applications

