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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

The academic year is flying past at a rate of knots! With an early Easter this year, exam season is almost upon us again.

We have been diligently preparing our students and assisting them to improve their independent learning skills to obtain the best grades they can achieve. As well as their revision skills, we have been helping them to develop awareness of their learning styles so that they can seek out the most suitable revision resources for their revision packs. Practice past papers have been printed, revision cards have been laminated and extra study sessions have been arranged!

Year 11s

For core subject revision, you can attend the extra study sessions via Teams:

★ English Language: Tuesday 21.4.2026 and Tuesday 28.4.2026, 1pm to 3pm

★ Mathematics: Wednesday 22.4.2026 and Wednesday 29.4.2026, 1pm to 3pm

Work experience

Work experience planning processes have been updated this year after a much-needed review. We've made the process simpler, added more time for planning and incorporated parents / carers into the planning process too. We now have information packs for parents / carers and staff. As well as this, we also have a more organised set of forms to be completed by all participants.

You can find this pack on our website in the careers resources pages or alternatively, contact your schools Transition Lead for more information.

Work Experience Information Pack



Parent Engagement in Careers

As well as improving the work experience information available, we have continued to provide opportunities for parents to come into schools to get more involved in our careers programme.

This year's Tower Building event was aimed at improving communication between schools, parents & carers and students as they worked together on a competitive task. Students got the chance to improve their group working skills and parents & carers got the opportunity to meet some of the senior staff working with students. You can read more about this in the career's events section of this newsletter.

Year 9 parents meeting

Plans are in progress for a Teams meeting with the parents & carers of all year 9 students before the school year finishes. This will be an awareness session highlighting the changes that are likely to occur as students move from Key Stage 3 to Key stage 4. It is at this stage that students begin preparing for examinations / assessments and begin considering their options for a post-16 provision. They will also participate in work experience. More information about this session will be available soon.



Careers Events

For half term 3's careers event students were asked, as part of their PEQ work, to choose and run their own careers event in their school. This enabled to students to run events that that met their own preferences while also allowing them to experience the level of work that goes in to organising events in general. The planning and arranging was all part of the process and students absolutely rose to occasion clearly identifying their careers objectives within the events they arranged. See below a range of photos of each event:

Primrose Hill School – Event rooms designed to improve group working, critical thinking skills and develop knowledge about specific jobs of interest.



Teaseldown School – A spruce up of the outside area of the school including the design and building of new furniture for the garden.



Brook View School – An external speaker who was invited in to talk about her career in animal care and self-employment as well as a student led Q&A session.



The students absolutely excelled themselves, all running fantastic events. Well done to all students, you all did a fantastic job of organising interesting and inspiring events that provided opportunities for development.

In half term 4, things got competitive in each of our schools with our most recent careers event

“MY TOWER’S BIGGER THAN YOUR TOWER”

Parents, carers, siblings, students and staff were invited to compete for an Amazon voucher prize. Students made cakes and biscuits to go with the refreshments and parents / carers were able to see some of the work that the students have been completing in schools.

Well done to all! Our winners on the day were:

Primrose Hill School: Cody

Teaseldown School: Oliver

Brook View School: Jacob

We would like to say a massive thank you to the families that participated. We recognise that it isn't always possible for people to be available due to working commitments, a huge thanks should also go out to the staff who joined in and the senior staff who ran the events in each school.

We will be continuing this event on an annual basis so to those who couldn't join us or who didn't get a prize this year, please do come and try again!

Key dates:

Year 11 study leave starts: Monday 20.04.2026

GCSE Exams start: Week commencing Tuesday 6th May 2026

Careers event 5: Wednesday 10th June 2026 – 10:00am – 2:30pm – Pathway to Potential Event

Careers Event 6: Thursday 9th July 2026 – Visit to Stansted Airport College for course information and a tour.

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