

This first term has been a very busy one with a number of events and activities taking place. In September we hosted our own **'Farnborough Academy Careers Fair'** for years 9, 10 and 11 pupils and their parents. We had a wide range of outside providers come along including local colleges, Universities and employers offering advice on career pathways. The event was a real success and was very well attended

BRIGHT DAY

In October, as part of our Bright Day, we took the majority of year 11 to the 'what next careers fair' held at Harvey Haddon in Bilborough. This was a further opportunity for the pupils to gain information regarding their future from external providers. The remainder of this day, for year 11, we provided workshops, in the Academy, all with a focus on career paths once the pupils have left. The feedback from the pupils on the day was that they felt more prepared and informed about their chosen career path.

UNIFROG

October also saw the launch of 'unifrog' to years 10 and 11. 'Unifrog' is an award-winning online platform which helps pupils make intelligent choices about their futures, while allowing teachers to track their progress. We will be launching this facility to year 9 next term.

MARINES

We also welcomed the Royal Marines into the Academy to run a team building session with year 9 during one of their PE lessons. The session helped the pupils focus on key skills such as; supporting each other, following instructions and team work. Pupils considering a career in the armed or naval forces were given a small taster of how

important discipline was and how strong both physically and mentally you need to be. It's fair to say that it wasn't everyone's cup of tea; however, those who did enjoy the sessions were definitely hungry for more!

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Representatives from the Nottingham Forest coaching programme came into the academy to promote their post 16 coaching qualification to our year 11 pupils. Pupils who registered their interest will take part in some taster sessions later in the year.



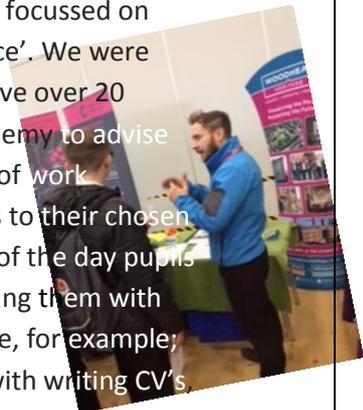
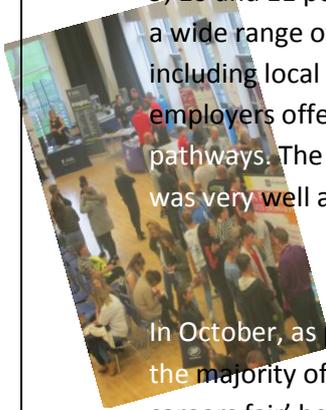
NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY

In November we had a representative from Nottingham Trent University host an assembly for our year 10 pupils about the NTU progression scheme. Pupils who sign up for this scheme have the opportunity to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence required to succeed at school or college and access the facilities at Nottingham Trent University. Pupils on the scheme also have the opportunity to apply for a work experience placement at the University. We had a number of pupils sign up for this scheme, some of whom have already secured work experience placements.



WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience was launched to year 10 in November and our second Bright day at the Academy, for year 10, was all focussed on 'preparing for work experience'. We were again fortunate enough to have over 20 providers come into the Academy to advise pupils about the importance of work experience and how this links to their chosen career paths. The remainder of the day pupils attended workshops supporting them with preparing for work experience, for example; interview skills and support with writing CV's



letters and emails. The pupil feedback from the day was very positive with the majority of the pupils saying they felt more prepared and had a better idea about what they wanted to do.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Also in November we launched the 'Children's University' to pupils in year 7. This is a scheme open to all pupils in year 7 which is facilitated by Nottingham Trent University. Pupils who sign up to the scheme receive their own 'passport to learning' the idea behind the scheme is that pupils receive stamps in their passport for every extra-curricular activity they attend including activities out of the Academy. They will receive certificates once they have accrued a number of stamps resulting in a graduation ceremony, held at the University, where the pupils will be kitted out in caps and gowns and their parents will be invited along to the ceremony.

AMBITION

A number of pupils in year 7 were also selected to take part in an event called 'Ambition' hosted by the University of Nottingham. This is an aspirational scheme lasting for the five years whilst the pupils are at the Academy. The pupils will have one campus visit per year to take part in taster sessions and also have access to aspirational guest speakers.

NCS

We were very happy to welcome representatives from the 'National Citizen Service' to our year 11 parents evening. NCS is a British voluntary personal and social development programme for 15–17 year olds. Pupils who sign up to the scheme have the opportunity to learn skills which employers value, meet new people and take part in a



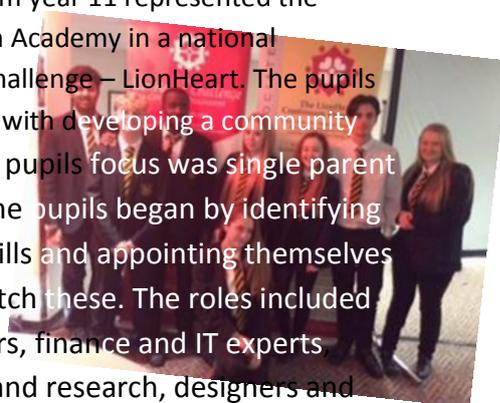
number of team activities during holiday time. Employers view this as very positive and it is a great addition to your CV and personal statement. I understand from NCS that a number of our pupils signed up to the scheme and they will be looking to recruit more when they come to host an assembly in January.

CROWNE PLAZA

Also in November our year 10 Food Technology groups were fortunate enough to visit Crowne Plaza Hotel and access information from hotel staff including the head chef. The pupils also took part in a tour of the hotel and had the opportunity to see 'behind the scenes' and experience 'first hand' what it would be like to work at a hotel.

LIONHEART

We had some great news in November when 10 pupils from year 11 represented the Farnborough Academy in a national enterprise challenge – LionHeart. The pupils were tasked with developing a community project. Our pupils focus was single parent mothers. The pupils began by identifying their key skills and appointing themselves roles to match these. The roles included team leaders, finance and IT experts marketing and research, designers and presenters. Once roles were established the pupils began work on their project. The pupils devised a story board based around an average day for a single parent and some of the problems they encountered. Their community project was to set up an advice centre where single parents could access help with money related issues, health concerns, childcare and many other issues. A final presentation was delivered to all the finalists and the panel of judges. We were



absolutely thrilled when The Farnborough Academy were announced as regional winners and will now go on to compete in the national finals being held next year.

MUSIC

An assembly was hosted for year 9, by 'Nusic' (a local music organisation) providing information to pupils about careers in music.



COUNCIL HOUSE VISIT

We were very proud, when asked by the 'Youth Cabinet', to provide four pupils to take part in a schools transition conference taking place at the Council House in the Market Square. The four pupils involved were part of a focus group giving advice and recommendations for a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. We also had representatives from key stage 4 who were advising on the transition process from key stage 3 to 4 and also how pupils can be supported when leaving school and embarking on further education or work. The pupils had to present their ideas to local councillors and most importantly the Sherriff of Nottingham herself!

FUTURES

To date all of our year 11 pupils have had a one to one interview with a careers Adviser from 'futures' we will be starting the process for year 10 next term.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

Finally, for this term, a group of year 10 pupils visited the University of

Nottingham to take part in taster lessons which are not ordinarily delivered in schools. This is to give them an idea of how university lessons are different to school and also an opportunity to visit the campus and sample university life for a day and raise their aspirations.

We have a number of exciting events planned for next term and we very much look forward to another exciting term ahead

