



YEAR 9 CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYABILITY

In January we launched the certificate of employability to our current year 9. This booklet contains a number of tasks which eventually leads to the pupils gaining a certificate of employability. Some of tasks include; researching a job, being interview by a senior member of staff and taking basic maths and English tests. By the end of the year we hope that every year 9 has been successful in gaining this.

YEAR 7 AMBITION – UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

Representatives from the university came into the Academy to talk to the pupils selected for the 'Ambition' project and prepare them for their forthcoming trip to the University campus. This is a 5 year project for these pupils who will have activities arranged for them every year for their duration at the Academy.



YEAR 9 – UNIFROG LAUNCH

Following the success of Unifrog with years 10 and 11 we have now launched this with year 9 to support them with choosing options. 'Unifrog' is an award-winning online platform which helps pupils make intelligent choices about their futures.



YEAR 7 AMBITION – CAMPUS VIST

Following on from the visit to the Academy by Nottingham University, the pupils spent the day at Nottingham University getting a taste of all aspects of University life. The day consisted of; a tour of the campus, icebreaker games, group challenges and group presentations. Our pupils were commended for their behaviour by a representative from the University who said *"they were a credit to themselves and the school"*



YEAR 11 STUDY SKILLS – NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY

Year 11 were very fortunate to be involved in study skills sessions led by The University of Nottingham, in the Academy, over two afternoons in February. Every pupil had the opportunity to gain key skills, from experts in their field, to assist them in their forthcoming examinations.



BRIGHT DAY

The Bright Futures team focus for this Bright Day was Year 9 Option Choices. The day consisted of pupils taking part in a number of workshops to support them with their option choices. This included a session led by Young Enterprise 'Learn to Earn' which supports the pupils in recognising the importance of option choices linked to chosen professions and salary. Pupils also took part in sessions led by Nottingham Trent University. Following the Bright Day, pupils stated that they *"felt more prepared and had a clearer idea about their option choices"* This day was then followed by an open evening to pupils with their parents about option choices.

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK (6th – 10th March)

As part of 'National Careers Week' we had guest speakers for each year group assembly throughout the week. Year 11 assembly was led by 'National Citizens Service' which was a follow up to their visit last term to encourage more pupils to take part. There was a great deal of interest from year 11 resulting in more pupils signing up for the scheme.



The Year 10 assembly was led by Work Pays Apprenticeships, one of the largest Apprenticeship schemes in the country. Their brief was *"everything you need to know about apprenticeships and more"* which they certainly delivered.



Year 9 assembly was delivered by East Midlands Airport and outlined the wide range and diverse employment opportunities at the Airport. We have great links with the Airport and they certainly see our pupils as their future employers due to the location of the airport to Clifton.



Year 8 assembly was led by 'Enterprise rent a Car' another great employer link we are currently working with. The focus of their assembly was 'stereotypes' linked with gender related perceptions of employment. For example, a number of their drivers and senior managers were women. Their main message was that ***"you can be whatever you want to be regardless of your gender"***

Year 7 assembly was led by Nottingham Trent University and focussed on 'aspirations' this was a fun assembly with a lot of pupil participation. It was based on the TV programme 'Countdown' where pupils were challenged to unscramble words linked with University. Our pupils were very good at this due to the fact they had already visited the University as part of their transition programme.



Also, as part of National Careers Week, NTU delivered an 'Inspired' workshop to all of year 8 at the Academy. Each tutor group had a one hour session with staff from NTU focussing on all aspects of University life. The feedback we received from NTU was excellent ***"it was an absolute pleasure to work with you class of 2020"***



Finally, as part of National Careers week, we took a group of year 10's to the Apprenticeship Fair at Central College. Pupils were able to access a vast amount of

knowledge linked with apprenticeships and speak to companies face to face about potential opportunities.



NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY GRADUATE APPRENTICE SESSION – YEAR 9

In March Nottingham Trent University delivered two sessions, at the Academy, to groups of year 9's with an interest in attending University. A number of student ambassadors from the University attended on the day and the pupils were tasked to find out as much as they could about them and their pathway to University and then deliver a presentation about their findings. Again, NTU gave some really pleasing feedback about the day.

WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION – NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES

A group of year 9 girls took part in a 'women in construction' workshop based at Nottingham City Homes. This was an excellent opportunity for the girls to take part in practical workshops such as; plastering, plumbing, electrics and many more. All the girls really enjoyed the experience and one has since changed her career focus as she would now like to train as an apprentice in construction!





YEAR 10 INTERVIEW SKILLS DAY

On Tuesday 21st March the whole of year 10 took part in Interview Skills Day. We invited in a wide range of external employers to interview our pupils in order to prepare them for interviews they will have in the future. As part of the process all year 10 had to complete a CV and a personal statement to give to the employer. Each pupil's interview was evaluated by the employer and this will be shared with the pupil, in tutor time, in order for them to take the advice on board. The pupil's feedback was that they thought the day was really useful in preparing them and they also welcomed the feedback from the employers about their CV's and personal statements.



FUTURES



Our Careers Advisors from 'Futures' have now started interviewing our year 10 pupils about their career pathways and choices.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 continue to prepare for work experience, however, time is running out and if you are aware that your child does not have a placement please support and encourage them to find one. Please also let them know that they can access Miss Boseley for support with this.

YEAR 11 NEXT STEPS ASSEMBLY

Nottingham Trent University delivered an assembly to year 11 giving them advice and support regarding their 'next steps' and what they need to be thinking about and planning for on the lead up to their exams.



AND FINALLY – SOME GREAT NEWS FOR THE FARNBOROUGH ACADEMY...

The Farnborough Academy has been working really hard to gain the prestigious, nationally recognised, status of **Career Mark**.

(Career Mark is a nationally recognised Awarding Body for the National Quality in Careers Standard; assessing excellence in careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) provision.)

Following a visit, on Friday 24th March, by a career mark assessor who interviewed a number of our pupils about our careers provision at Farnborough and the submittal of an extensive folder evidencing all the work we have carried out at the Academy, I am pleased to say that we have achieved this status

"I am delighted to confirm that I will be recommending that The Farnborough Academy be awarded the National Quality in Careers Standard awarded by Career Mark."

