

Developing Young Talent!



Our first cohort of Digital T Level students are due to start their first placement in July 2021 and they could really use YOUR help!

Do you work in an industry that;

Has a community focus?

Likes to collaborate on new initiatives?

Is keen to develop the next generation of digital talent?

If this is you, or your company and could offer a placement to a T Level student please contact: mariam.hanson@uhsw.co.uk

by 31st January 2021

Ambitions Programme



October saw the launch of the Higher Ambitions Programme for Year 11 students. The programme consists of a series of workshops and talks to get students thinking about and prepare for their post-18 destinations.

Workshops included the Oxbridge Programme run by the school's Oxbridge Coordinator and an alumni of Oxford, Careers in STEM with **GE Aviation, GE Healthcare Pharmaceuticals Diagnostics, GE Renewable Energy, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, University of Birmingham** and **KPMG**. The students also attended a virtual university fair hosted by the **Russell Group Universities**.

Also this term, students in Year 13 opted to take part in a KPMG 'It's her Future' Coding Workshop with the aim to encourage more women into careers in technology and engineering. A fantastic opportunity to develop key employability skills! Find out more about the programme [here!](#)



Personal Branding



START on-line Careers Platform. Year 9 spent a morning using **START** to explore and update their Personal Brand, looking at their skills, qualities, work preference and learning styles and what jobs / careers they may match to. A lively discussion followed in all form groups as students discussed their recommended careers!

Speakers Corner!



September saw the launch of our new Speakers Corner Series with guest speakers such as **Jayne Parkin**. Jayne Parkin has over 20 years' experience working in HR in the retail sector and as a careers coach. Jayne spoke to sixth form students about working, performing and standing out in a virtual world, thinking ahead to Year 12 completing virtual or face-to-face work experience in Summer 2021. We also had **Eleanor Hirst** from **Ricardo Engineering** who talked about working in the STEM sector as a female engineer and **Celestina Rowaiye** who talked about having a portfolio career working in the health and social care and creative arts sectors!

Stats Box



98% of Year 9 students found after using **START** they have a greater understanding of the different career options open to them, whilst **86%** rated the workshop as good – excellent

90% of Year 10's have a clear understanding of the different pathways open to them after attending the Post 16-18 workshop with the University of Birmingham and Ask Apprenticeships

Personal Statement "Surgeries"



Students in **Year 13** have been very lucky to have admissions tutors from top universities such as **Royal Holloway, Lancaster** and **Roehampton** check their personal statements and provide one-to-one detailed feedback. 120 students have used this service so far this year!

Inspiring Speakers!

Year 11 had a motivational morning this term hearing from a fabulous array of inspiring speakers; **Jennifer Anafi- Acquah: Assistant Producer at Nutopia, Devina Paul, Founding Partner Galvanise Capital, Aliyah Gordon, Clinical Pharmacist at St George's hospital and Ebony Olufunso, Ask Apprenticeship Adviser at Education Development Trust** about the importance of Personal Brand (in-person and on-line) and different career pathways and sectors to prepare them for their personal guidance careers interviews and Post-16 pathways!



Pathway to Success



Year 10 spent a morning hearing from the **University of Birmingham, Student Recruitment Manager, Katherine Paggett (left)** and an **Ask Apprenticeship Adviser, Ebony Olufunso (right)** about different university courses, apprenticeship opportunities and the benefits of both pathways.



They also provided important advice, hints and tips regarding what the girls could be doing now to explore, plan and confirm their intended pathway.

Useful Links

www.gov.uk/browse/education

nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

www.unifrog.org

www.startprofile.com

www.ucas.com

www.prospects.ac.uk

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

