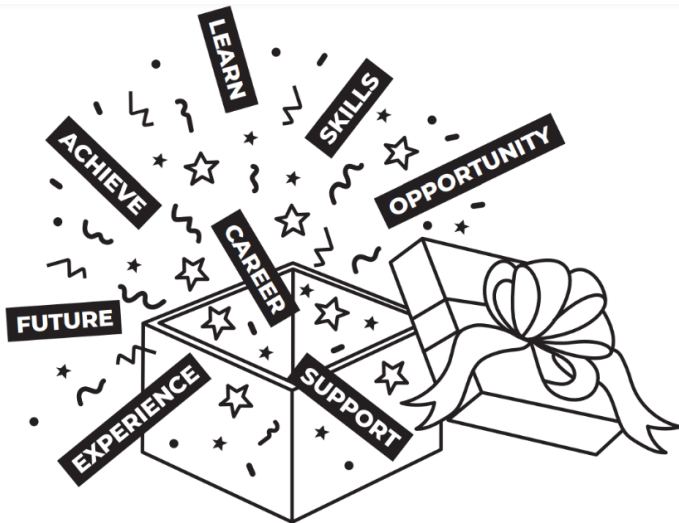


# FERNDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## CAREERS NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024



### Careers Presentation

At the end of last term, the KS3 pupils were given a presentation by Mr Brodie. He left school at 18 and pursued a job in the theatre industry. His presentation was inspiring, and he showed the pupils clips of stage productions, like School of Rock, Dirty Dancing and Wicked. He talked to them about how his hobby, love of acting, led to an interest in behind the scenes theatre jobs and from then on the sky has been the limit. He has travelled the world and continues to develop his career.

### Y7 Careers Visit – Butchers Coppice

The Year 7 pupils had an amazing two days at Butchers Coppice. As well as learning about the different career paths the adults had followed, they also tried a range of new experiences like zip lines, abseiling, Cavebus, Leap of Faith, crate stacking and tomahawk throwing.

The groups showed great transferable skills like enthusiasm, a willingness to learn, and a determination to face some daunting challenges and everyone seems to have had fun. Pupils will follow up this visit with more careers teaching in the classroom.

My thanks go to the staff at Butchers Coppice, most of whom are volunteers and the teaching and support staff who gave up their time too to make the trip a great success.

### Remember Xello

Ferndown Middle School uses software called Xello to help deliver our careers programme. This software enables students to work individually on any mobile device, whether in school or at home, to explore career options for the future. Both Year 7 and Year 8 have used Xello. As parents, you too can access Xello. This could provide you with the chance to discuss future goals for your child. Please ask your child to give you a demonstration!

### Future Events

Our careers curriculum still has much to offer our KS3 pupils this term. We have an HR consultant from Oyster Recruitment coming in to show the pupils what a CV should contain, the aim of this is for the pupils to identify areas they are doing well in and some areas they will need to develop. There is also a careers

presentation from Hilton Hotels where the pupils will gain an insight into a range of jobs in the hospitality sector. The talk will inform the pupils about the qualifications, skills and attitudes they are looking for. The local church has also offered to come in and talk about jobs within the church. Year 7 will also be given a careers talk from one of our governors. There is a careers morning at Ferndown Upper School planned for Year 8 on 18<sup>th</sup> July. The children will have a chance to explore the school and a range of career themed talks and activities will be covered.

External visitors enhance our curriculum and open the pupils eyes to the many career paths and options available. My thanks to everyone who has given up their time to help.

### **Another Plea For Help**

Once again, I would like to extend my thanks to businesses, employers and parents who have come into school and talked about their company or job.

Going forward **we need more businesses and employers to spend about 20 minutes talking to the KS3 pupils about future career options. Please contact the school if you can help with this.**

Mrs Baynham

Careers Leader