Careers Newsletter

We have had a busy term with our Careers Breakfast Events, new work experience placements starting and careers visits.

Careers Breakfast Mornings

Definitely a highlight. - Paul Widdowson a past pupil came back to school

to tell us what he has been doing since he left Inscape five years ago. Paul was very inspirational, and he delivered his presentation with confidence and definitely for staff who worked with Paul brought a tear to many an eye. Paul now has a permanent job at a Toby Carvery and travels to and from work independently on his electric bike. Paul talked about his first work experience which was in our school café. This week we had pupils referring to Paul whilst working in the cafe, so he has definitely made an impact. One pupil said to me "did Paul do this; I want to be like Paul".



Matt Leigh from ASK Apprenticeship delivered an informative presentation on apprenticeships. This was very well received by our Post 16 and key stage 4 pupils. Matt will keep in touch with the school and pupils if they need any further information on apprenticeships.



Did you know: -Apprenticeships are the most direct route into the workplace with 90% of apprentices staying employed.

Andy Birkin from Network & Cyber Security was feeling nervous when he came to do his presentation, but once he got going and bonded with stories of his schooldays, interestingly everyone had lots in common. Andy talked about his career journey and how this led to being self-employed. Andy also talked about apprenticeships as this is something that he offers and is also an

assessor. Andy again was very inspirational and openly talked about being autistic, thank you to Aaron one of our parents who introduced us.

Lisa Yemm, Recruitment Officer for Trans Pennine treated us to a careers day at their training centre in Huddersfield. I say treated because we went there and back first class - we were very spoilt. During the journey and whilst on the platforms the pupils got to speak to lots of different people about their jobs and apprenticeships and how they started their working career within the rail sector. For National Careers Week in March Lisa will be delivering a workshop at school where any pupils interested in trains can come and have a chat and get some information. Since this event one of our pupil's has shown an interest in an apprenticeship with British Rail and has applied to a training a provider who can start the first steps in this journey.

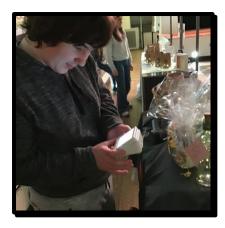


Careers Afternoon where a variety of colleges came to talk about their offers

to our young people after Inscape, such as Cheadle & Marple College, Manchester & Trafford College, PINC College, the David Lewis Centre etc. We had a presentation from Zoe from Cheshire East where she talked about supported internships and a very inspirational talk from our ex-pupil Jacob who talked about his journey after Inscape and is now apply for university. Finley also at the event used his amazing personality and sales skills to sell items from our enterprise project, well done Finley.



Young Enterprise – Trafford Centre – we have recently, alongside other schools, had the opportunity to sell our products from our enterprise project at the Trafford Centre. The pupils were amazing and really pushed themselves out of their comfort zone, it was great to see their confidence develop whilst speaking to customers.





Nick Ransom – TV Journalist shared his story and diagnosis of autism. He talked about how he turned his passion for interviewing family and friends from a young age into a career as a TV journalist. Nick has worked with Chris Packham's documentary Inside my Autism Mind, which is being aired on BBC2 in February. This week Nick has been interviewing some of our pupils for BBC Manchester Radio where they have talked openly about their selective mutism, another moment where our pupils have done themselves proud. You can catch-up on Nick's presentation to the pupils on our website, where he also talked about jobs in TV, radio, newspaper, and film.



What's coming next?

- Four pupils have been offered work experience at Manchester United Mega Store. They will do six weeks each (1/2days) between now and July. Well done to Emily Read our Manchester United Foundation SEND Officer for organising and supporting this.
- Six pupils will be starting their work experience with Gusto at Cheadle Hulme. Gusto have designed an eight-week training programme where the pupils get to try different aspects of working in a restaurant. The pupils are very excited about this as we have been planning this for a while. Some photos from work experience this month of our pupils working hard and developing their work skills.
- Middle school are on a careers day at Mercedes, Stockport.
- Trans Pennine Workshop.
- Careers in the Curriculum week.
- Gaming Day's workshop with TT-Fusion.

Some photos from work experience this term where pupils have been developing their confidence and working skills.



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