



KETTERING SCIENCE ACADEMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER SUMMER ISSUE

INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE AT KSA

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter 2023

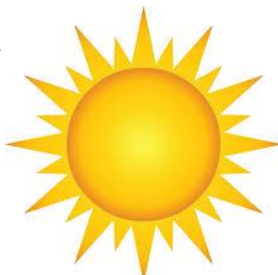
Careers Update

Good advice and information on careers can empower students to make informed decisions about their future pathways.

With a full range of different options and opportunities available to them, including the launch of T-Levels a couple of years ago, and the increase in the number of higher and degree level apprenticeships, accurate and up to date information, advice and guidance is more important than ever.

Although employers are slowly returning back to their places of work, we have still had to be creative and innovative in our approach to the world of work. With this in mind, we delivered our WOW event this term, which has evolved over the past few years. WOW, stands for **World of Work** and this event allows our Year 10's to gain a better understanding of the workplace. Employers are now working in new ways, many following hybrid working patterns, which may be here to stay, so we have had to 'think outside the box' to ensure our young people have an understanding of the workplace and work related learning options. So instead of our students going out on Work Experience, we bring employers, educational partners and training providers into school, to deliver work related learning activities to them.

We are committed to ensure our young people receive accurate, high-quality information, advice and guidance in innovative ways.



Hello everyone

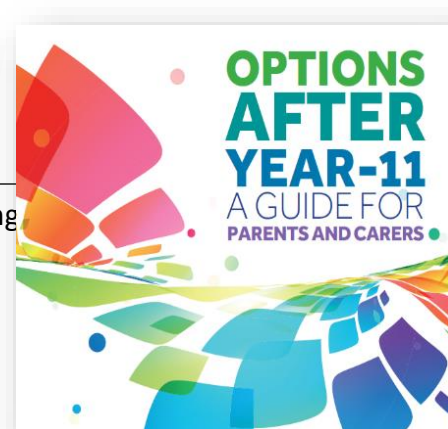
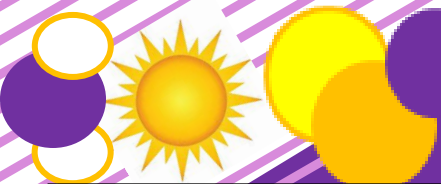
As we rapidly approach the end of the summer holidays, and the new academic year, now is the time to look forward, however I would like to take this opportunity to also reflect on the summer term, which was another busy one with lots of different careers events taking place, notably our biggest event, involving all our Year 10 students.

I would like to send out a big **THANK YOU** to all our partners, training providers and employers from local and national companies, who have all responded in such a fantastic way to our pleas for help and have been very excited to come into school and by the prospect of working with our young people, informing them about their Industry and their future options.

We now have a wealth of contacts, resources and information from a wide variety of Industry sectors which will enable our students to expand their career knowledge, carry out effective career exploration, discover more about the world of work, and confidently make good decisions regarding their next steps, with a better understanding about the wide range of employment opportunities which exist now and in the future.

Enjoy the summer break
Kind regards
Julie Thompson
Careers Lead



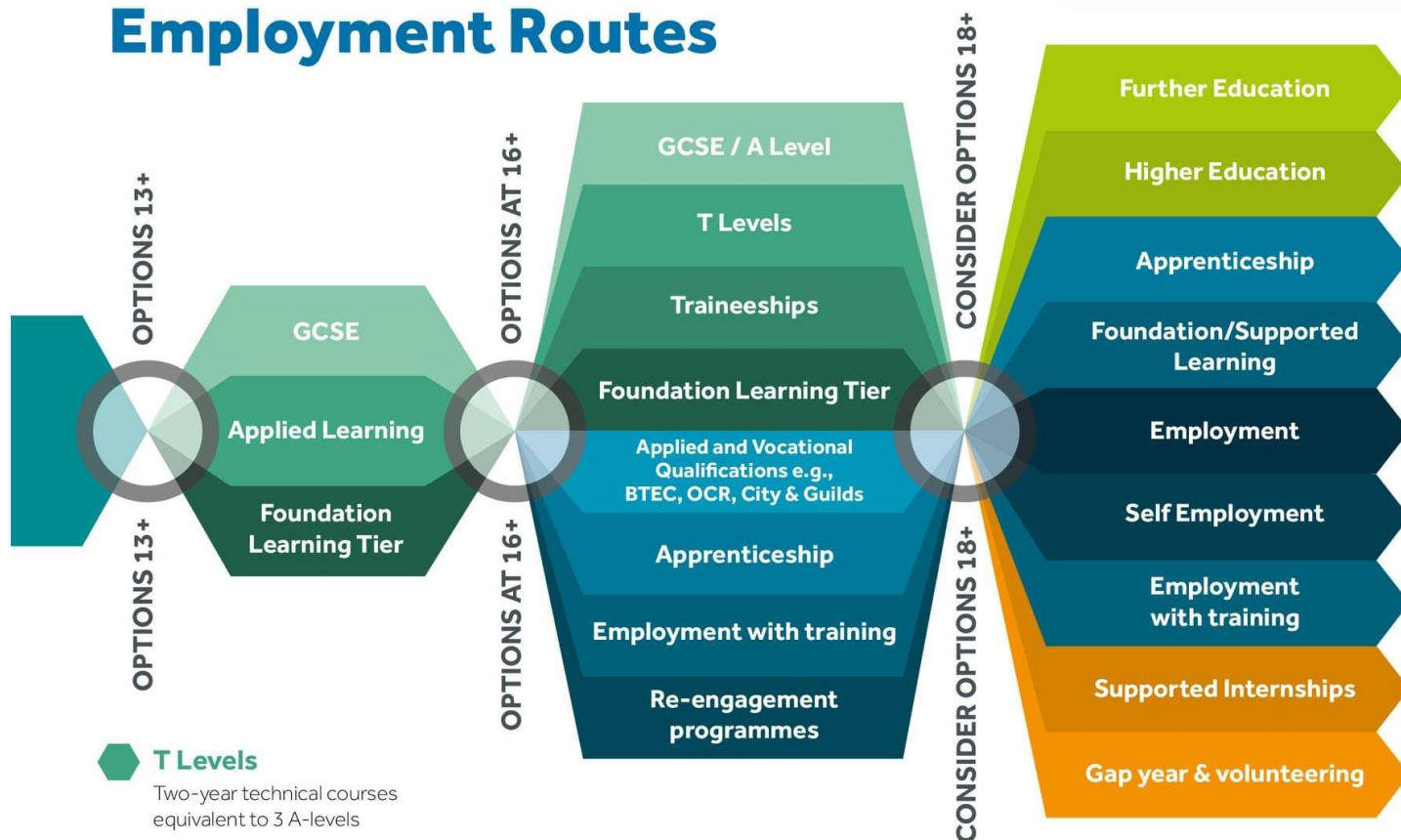


Now we have had both results days and many of our young people are considering their next destination, I thought I would use this opportunity to remind students, parents and carers what their options are Post 16 and 18.

You can see more information here: - [Options guide for parents](#)

So what are the options?

13-19+ Learning and Employment Routes



T Levels

Two-year technical courses equivalent to 3 A-levels

Traineeships

A traineeship is a 6 month course that combines a work placement with maths, English and ICT.

Foundation Learning

Foundation learning courses combine practical and vocational experiences with maths, English and ICT for learners not ready for a full Level 2 course. It may include supported work based learning or volunteering, or developing skills for independent living and work.

Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships offer training for a job while working with an employer, alongside study for an associated qualification. You get paid while working.

Re-engagement programmes

Diverse programmes to support young people to have confidence and motivation to get back into learning or training.

Applied and Vocational

Qualifications with an emphasis on developing practical skills for employment which may allow access to Higher Education if taken at Level 3.

Supported Internships

For young people aged 16 - 24 with learning difficulties or learning disabilities, who want to get a job and need extra support to do this. (This would normally be through an EHCP).

KSA Careers Programme

Remember we still have the **KUDOS** programme available to all our students, which can be accessed in school and remotely from home so this could be a good starting point. It's also mobile friendly and can be accessed on a smart phone. Please visit [KUDOS](#) and click on the 'Login or Register' button, your child can then log in using the access details given to them.

There is a Parents' Guide is available here please visit- [Parent Guide](#)





INSIGHT INTO INDUSTRY EVENT – July 2023

Our **Year 10 students** took part in a **3 day World of Work (WOW) event**, which started on **Monday 3rd July 2023**, with Key Note Speaker, [CLlr Emily Fedorowycz](#), Mayor, SEO Strategist & Green Councillor in North Northants, launching the event. Emily began her speech by explaining how the WOW event would run, the wide variety of workshops on offer and diverse range of employers involved. She then went on to let them know about her own career and what she had achieved, to now becoming the **Mayor of Kettering**. After graduating from University of East Anglia in July 2016, she started her career, working in SEO (Search Engine Optimisation), agency-side, and now within the in-house team at Bauer Media, servicing Bauer's Automotive and Lifestyle Brands. She was elected the Major of Kettering, earlier this year, in May 2023.

The WOW event, is designed to give our Year 10 students an insight into a variety of industries and sectors, and we invited employees, business and educational partners, both local and national, to come into school and deliver a range of interactive sessions and workshops.

Prior to the event, students were asked to choose from the variety of different sectors available, many aligning with the industries which focus heavily in this area, such as Logistics, Healthcare, Food and Drink and Construction. Students completed questionnaires and were allocated their first choice pathway.

This engaging event followed a **'talk and task'** format where students attended a range of 'need to know' workshops, aimed to help them understand more about 'Universities', 'Apprenticeships', '6th Form options' as well as 'how to stand out in a crowd', 'smash their first interview', and put together a competitive application with a 'CV and a Cover letter' session. They found out more about themselves and their transferrable skills, as well as hearing first-hand from employers and the presenters about their own career journeys, as they explained the pathways, routes and opportunities within their organisations, companies and sectors. The students were able to gain insightful information from a wide range of diverse industries. They were given the opportunity to carry out a work related task, and understand some of the real life challenges our speakers face on a day to day basis, thus allowing them to further develop their transferable skills and see the relevance of some of the subjects they are studying in school, and how they can be applied to everyday tasks in the world of work. **Our Career Ambassadors**, chosen from students in Year 12, were on hand to assist our visitors with all their needs during the 3 day event, regularly providing much needed refreshments.

Julie Thompson, Career Lead said ***"It was such a fantastic 3 days, and to have so many people coming into school to engage with our young people was amazing. We cannot thank all our partners enough for giving up their valuable time to devise engaging and interactive sessions for WOW where they were able to talk to our students and help them understand the pathways and careers available to them in the future, and give them a meaningful experience related to their industry. It is testament to the school too, and their support and dedication to the careers programme"***.

This hugely successful event, has helped to provide our students with the opportunity to have direct contact with a wide range of industries. and many different sectors. They were able to find out more about what employers are looking for in young people, the range of pathways Post 16 and Post 18, have direct conversations with apprenticeship providers and trainers, learn more about the different qualifications they can gain and find out more about university entry routes, courses and pathways, and help them to be more equipped and resilient for the every changing world of work, which in turn, will help them make better informed decisions.

We are very thankful and grateful to everyone who took part and engaged with our students, allowing them to understand the widest range of options and opportunities available to them, and also giving them a truly WOW experience!



Here are some fabulous pictures from our WOW Event





Nottingham universities – Year 12 visit

On 30th June we took most of our Year 12 students to visit both universities in Nottingham. This allowed them to explore university life first hand, find out what they could offer them, well as compare and contrast the two universities and see the differences between them. We firstly arrived at the University of Nottingham, which belongs to the prestigious Russel Group where the students had plenty of free time to go off and explore independently. Student representatives were on hand to direct them to specific areas of interest. We moved on later that day to Nottingham Trent University who had set up a careers fair in the main hall. Students were able to walk around the various stands, and find out specific information and obtain answers to a range of questions from student finance to accommodation concerns. They also got to view a few lecture theatres and had time to explore the city centre.



Dylan Hughes, an ex-student returned to talk to our current 6th form students about what he was doing now he had left KSA. Dylan left KSA last year and successfully secured a place at **Oxford University studying Chemistry**. He told them he had secured A Chemistry, Physics, Maths and had also studied an EPQ.

He had lots of likes about his University and the course including the atmosphere and the history of the university. He gave our students some advice ...Telling them to make the most of their teachers in school, to ask them about topics they don't understand and to ensure they take the time to develop a good knowledge of their subjects – **GREAT ADVICE DYLAN**



Martin Lewis podcast – Money Saving Expert, Martin Lewis, has a range of useful podcasts, in this episode he gives advice for students and parents as freshers start University.

In this week's episode Martin explains all you need to know about student finance including the changes coming THIS September with a new plan (Plan 5).

(Click here to listen) [Uni costs to increase 50% – Everything you need to know](#), He is joined by three prospective university students from Westminster Kingsway College and parents concerned about funding their children through university.



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