



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 & 2 have flown by in the careers department. We had our Year 13 Mock Interview Day take place in September, with 16 employers giving up their time to interview over 120 students.

Year 11 received their mock GCSE results and over 100 students were given the opportunity to meet with members of the senior leadership team and external guests to discuss improvements that can be made. We are now getting ready to launch Work Experience with Year 10 & 12.

As always we are keen to hear your thoughts about our careers programme and any ideas or suggestions you may have about how it could be developed.

We hope that you have a peaceful and relaxing Christmas break!

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MEET THE TEAM:



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Careers Lead



Mrs Mason
Careers Advisor



WORK EXPERIENCE

During the final week of the previous academic year, our Year 12 students had the opportunity to participate in a week-long work experience programme. This programme is an essential aspect of our students' education and serves as a preparation for their future working life. We have received positive feedback from both employers and students, who have expressed their appreciation for the valuable experience gained during the programme.

EMPLOYER FEEDBACK:

'DARA EXPRESSED EXCELLENT ENTHUSIASM, SHE GOT ON REALLY WELL WITH THE CHILDREN AND WAS ABLE TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS IN ORDER TO HELP THEM LEARN'



'IT WAS A PLEASURE TO HAVE BEN ON THE TEAM. HE GOT STUCK IN AND IS EASY TO GET ALONG WITH. HES CONFIDENT AND HARD WORKING. HE WOULD BE WELCOME BACK WITH US ANYTIME - HE DID HIMSELF PROUD'



'HARLEY WAS A PLEASURE TO MEET, A VERY FRIENDLY, POSITIVE, APPROACHABLE AND CHATTY PERSON. A PLEASURE TO HAVE SOME VERY INTERSETING CONVERSATIONS WITH ABOUT HIS STUDIES.



'SAM IS A VERY WELL PRESENTED YOUNG MAN WITH AN ENTHUSIASM FOR ENGINEERING, WE'D LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS, WITH A FURTEHR PLACEMENT IF HES INTERESTED'



STUDENT FEEDBACK:

'I HAVE GAINED BETTER COMMUNICATION SKILLS WITH NEW PEOPLE AND I CAN NOW WORK ALONE MUCH EASIER'

'I GAINED SKILLS THAT ARE RELEVANT TO MY ASPIRING CAREER. I WAS ABLE TO SEE WHAT THE PROFESSIONAL WORLD OF WORK WAS LIKE AND I ENJOYED THE EXPERIENCE'

'INCREDIBLE INSIGHT INTO AN OPERATIONAL RAILWAY, I MADE AMAZING CONTACTS FOR REFERENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES AND MORE INFORMATION TO MAKE A CHOICE ABOUT POST-HOWARDS DECISIONS'

'THE EXPERIENCE ALLOWED ME TO BE MYSELF AND BE PART OF A TEAM, WHICH HELPED MY CONFIDENCE MASSIVELY'

'FROM THIS PLACEMENT I HAVE GAINED EXPERIENCE ON HOW LIFE IN THE WORKPLACE IS SET OUT WITH SPECIFIC STANDARDS'

'I LEARNT VARIOUS SKILLS, INCLUDING TEAM WORK, COMMUNICATION AND PROBLEM SOLVING. I GAINED AN INSIGHT TO WHAT I MIGHT WANT TO DO IN THE FUTURE'



MOCK INTERVIEWS

YEAR 13 – 29th September 2023

Back in September, we had our Year 13 Mock Interview Day, which turned out to be a huge success. We were fortunate enough to have 16 employers who generously gave up their time to interview over 120 students.

The students found the experience incredibly valuable, and we received a lot of positive feedback from both the employers and the students.



STUDENT FEEDBACK:

'I THINK THE WHOLE MOCK INTERVIEW ASPECT IS GREAT TO PREPARE US, I WILL NOW START LOOKING INTO DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS'

'I WAS OFFERED A DAY AT THE COMPANY MY INTERVIEWER WORKED AT, SO I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT'

'I WAS GIVEN A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT BAM ARE, WHAT THEY DO, I INTEND TO PURSUE WORK EXPERIENCE WITH THEM'

A big thanks to all the employers who supported this event





YEAR 11 FUTURE PATHWAYS

All Year 11s are currently being seen to discuss future options, career ideas and routes.

Applications for school or college ideally need to be completed by end of January (Check 6th form deadlines)

If you are looking for apprenticeships, you can register with:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> to keep an eye on vacancies; you might also need a back-up plan such as full-time college or 6th form.

If anybody still needs some support, please get in contact:

Email: masonk@thehowardschool.co.uk

***Applications to join our
Sixth Form in September
2024 will close at the end
of January.***



***Apply today by
scanning the QR Code***

YEAR 11 MOCK RESULTS



Our Year 11 students received their mock GCSE results, and we were pleased to see that many of them did very well.

Over 100 students were given the opportunity to meet with members of the senior leadership team and external guests to discuss the results and identify areas where they could improve.

The feedback we received from the students was overwhelmingly positive, and we believe that this experience will help them to achieve their best results in their final exams.

YEAR 9 UNI OF LIFE WORKSHOP



Year 9 students attended a two hour workshop all about University life, student ambassadors from the University of Kent were in attendance and on hand to answer common questions such as why you might want to attend university, what you could study, where you might live, and how studying at university is different from being in school. Students were encouraged to reflect on these topics and ask any further questions they might have.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19th January – Year 11 Mock Interview Event
26th January – Howard School 6th Form applications deadline
31st January – Selected Year 9 University Visit
5th–9th February – National Apprenticeship Week
7th February – Careers Fayre (Selected year groups)
14th March – Year 12 University Visit



Careers Fayre 2023



Yr11 Mock Interviews 2023

**Year 10 Work
Experience**
10th – 14th June

**Year 12 Work
Experience**
13th–19th July



UNIFROG

Unifrog has a brand new tool – Courses!!!

By taking a course, students can challenge themselves with engaging tasters of subjects and careers written by experts in that field, and develop their study and employability skills.

Courses include:

How to start a business

How to write a short story

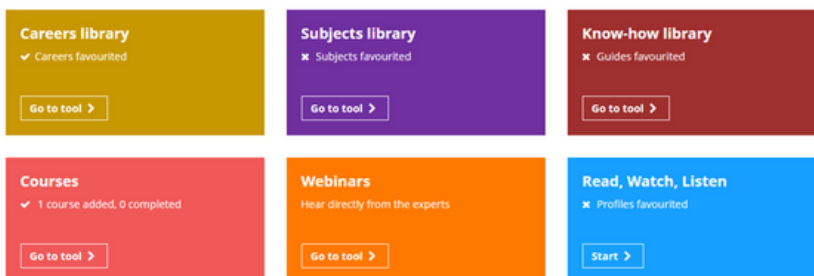
How to write your persona statement

Mathematics: the size of infinity

Preparing for the world of work

Careers: reaching your potential

Exploring pathways





WHERE ARE THEY NOW

James Lyall **Account Manager at CBRE Global** **Workplace Solutions**

When did you leave The Howard School?
1994

What are your favourite memories of School?

Had a lot of fun, teachers were strict, and taught us how to be men and prepared us for the world of work. How to respects others and ourselves.

What do you do now?

I work in facilities management. I currently lead a multi-million contract maintaining the Natural History Museum. Previously I have managed many other contracts, the largest was £12million contract for The Royal Parks where I employed 130 people.

How did you get to where you are today?

I left with appalling GCSE results, C in music and Geography, we're my best results. Careers advice asked if I was planning to be a traveling musician lol!
Left school at 16, worked for many of my dad's mates in furniture removal, and catering for 3 years, then moved into construction in 1997, worked my way up the ladder, started my first managerial position in 2000 aged 21. It was hard without any qualifications, but not impossible, just took longer as I was reliant on my experience and knowledge

What are your plans for the future?

Continue in the same industry, for the rest of my career. Next step is a Director position, leading many contracts.

Finally, what would be your advice to students?

Qualifications are really important, see them as a route to obtain further knowledge – further education for example university, college or an apprenticeship, or even a job with your dad's mate, that's how I started! At this stage, whichever you decide isn't important, you can change it at anytime and find your own path.

School is only a very short period of your life, and if you end up without the results you need, don't lose faith, it's not the end of the world. Employers do value an education but would rather have someone who is willing to work hard, learn and progress, than someone with all of the qualification who think they're too good for that job!

Approach your next step as a privilege, with a good attitude! You will always start at the bottom, that's a reality you will learn fast! But you will get out of your life, what you are willing to put in.

Good luck with whatever path you take! Remember to stay humble, it will go along way!



Did yo go to the Howard School?

