

Wath Academy Careers Corner



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Welcome to Careers Corner!



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Welcome to **April's** edition of Careers Corner—the one-stop bulletin to update members of our community at Wath Academy about all things careers.



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Dates for your diary

<https://icould.com/careers-calendar/>

22.04.21 Careers in Nursing
virtual taster day for Y11,
Y12 and Y13

THE GATSBY BENCHMARKS
GOOD CAREER GUIDANCE

Benchmark 8: Personal Guidance

“Every pupil should have opportunities for guidance interviews with a Careers adviser, who could be internal (a member of school staff) or external, provided they are trained to an appropriate level. These should be available whenever significant study or career choices are being made.”

Every pupil should have at least one such interview by the age of 16, and the opportunity for a further interview by the age of 18.

Careers guidance is essential to make use of the numerous resources, webpages and sources of information bombarding students about the full range of options available to them. A careers guidance interview provides opportunities for planning, research, questions and correcting misconceptions. At Wath Academy we strive to ensure that timely, meaningful guidance is available for those moments of choice. Students are offered one-to-one opportunities during Y9, Y11 and Y13.

For more information, please contact Mrs Laite or the Careers Team at careers@wathacademy.com

<https://www.goodcareerguidance.org.uk/case-study/personal-guidance>

Meet the Team...Mrs Potts!

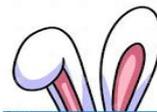
Mrs Potts works predominantly in the Sixth Form and is the KS5 Student Support Leader.

Mrs Potts works alongside Miss Slasor supporting and preparing Y13 students with the post-18 options and applications to university, the UCAS process and apprenticeship applications.





Spotlight On... Maths



Maths is a vital core subject, offering students the opportunity to develop key skills valued by both the labour market and employers. At Wath Academy students develop problem solving skills alongside the elements of numeracy that are relevant to the world of work.

In lessons, maths topics are linked to show their relevance to future careers, for example how proportion could be used when scaling recipes in catering, or using trigonometry when working on structures in engineering applications or the construction industry, such as roofing or building construction. Classrooms and displays showcase relevant career links, employers and highlight the importance of mathematical aptitude for life skills, such as reading a wage slip or working out which supermarket offers the best value. Maths is everywhere and the Maths Faculty strive to enthuse and engage students about this important subject. Take a look at the links to see great articles from the Institute of Mathematics:

<https://www.mathscareers.org.uk/10-jobs-that-use-pi/>

<https://www.mathscareers.org.uk/what-is-the-point-of-studying-maths-at-gcse/>

<https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/resource/418157/top-ten-employability-skills#&gid=undefined&pid=1>

National Careers Week...celebrating 10 years!

The national lockdown didn't stop Wath Academy taking part in National Careers Week and this year, all subject areas delivered again...creating fun and informative lessons to highlight the importance of their subjects for the world of work.

Competition was fierce and the results were close, but the **Subject Champions** this year were the English department, who managed to record a careers activity in every single lesson of the week! A delicious treat is on the way to their workroom...well done!



What are Hepp and HeppSY?

If you saw the acronyms Hepp and HeppSY, you might wonder whether you were looking at a typo or an auto correction that doesn't make sense. However, these two organisations are well known in the careers arena, promoting the benefits of higher education, or HE. Hepp stands for the Higher Education Progression Partnership, who are, "Working across the Sheffield City Region to encourage more children, young people and adults to consider higher education opportunities."

HeppSY is their sister organisation, who work with selected students in Y9-Y13, offering opportunities to gain awareness and experiences of HE and the benefits of studying at this level. Miss Slasor is the HeppSY Coordinator at Wath Academy and through this role she organises opportunities, activities and events to broaden horizons and show our students how HE can enrich their lives and open doors to new possibilities. Previous examples have included "Careers in the Curriculum" sessions for Psychology, Drama and Public Services, HE and degree information assemblies, and support with university applications.

Why not look at the links below to learn more about these fantastic organisations...

<https://www.hepp.ac.uk/>

<https://www.hepp.ac.uk/connects/heppsy-happenings/>

Coming soon...Look out for the next issue featuring the Geography Department.

Alumni – why we're keen to hear from ex-students of Wath...

Get up to Speed with STEM... what did we learn?



Quote of the Month...

"Life is a math equation. In order to gain the most, you have to know how to convert negatives into positives."

— Anonymous

'Meliora Spectare' – 'Look to Better Things'