Annual Careers Report 2021/22

MAY 2022

Macmillan Academy
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When our school first opened in 1989 as Macmillan College, central to the ethos of this new organisation was a close working relationship between education and business. Through this relationship, students would eventually leave the school with a good understanding of the potential careers they could have and would also have the skills to be able to successfully enter the job market.

Governors have always placed great importance on the destinations of students leaving Macmillan, and ensuring students are prepared for employment has always been an important priority. Unfortunately, between March 2020 and February 2022the opportunity for one-to-one links was inappropriate due to the rapid spread of COVID. Since March 2022, we are tentatively encouraging employer/student links, always placing the safety of our students, staff and employers from the local community at the forefront.

We have sent emails directly to students in Year 11, 12 and 13, from Careers Companion, offering virtual links to the careers sector, live apprenticeships and career videos. As you will be able to read in the booklet, we are slowly but surely re-building our Careers Programme and more face-to-face events are taking place.

Key Stage 3

Global Perspectives

Global Perspectives is a Key Stage 3 course unique to Macmillan Academy and aims to give students a 'global outlook'. Understanding the wide range of career options available is an important part of this course. In Year 9, all groups are introduced to the careers library and complete the JED Careers Profile which matches their strengths and interests to potential careers.

Workshops

During the previous year the following workshops/talks were given to our Key Stage 3 students:

- Careers in the NHS
- Medical Mavericks
- Channel 4 – Careers in the creative industries
- GE Healthcare
- Female engineers.

Work experience

All students in Year 9 carry out work experience in the academy in one of the following departments:

Buildings
Reception
Art/Drama
DT
Helpdesk
Library
Music
PE/Sport.

Individual guidance

All students are interviewed by a Senior Leader prior to making their option choices. These meetings took place in March 2022.

Jobs Fair

The academy ran its Jobs Fair again in March 2022 (having not been able to run it in 2021 due to

In addition to this, our students benefit significantly from partnership schemes with local universities which can often see students receive reduced offers from these industries:

- Newcastle Partner Schools
- Northumbria supported progression
- SHINE (University of York).

Students applying to competitive courses

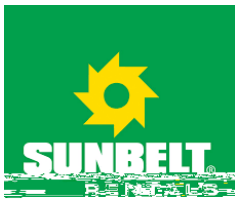
Year 12 students are taking part in medical masterclasses with doctors from James Cook University Hospital.

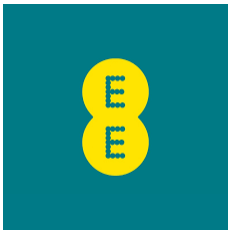
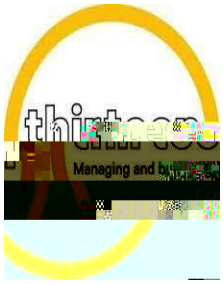
Students who have the ability to apply for competitive university courses are identified early. SHINE (University of York) run a very comprehensive programme starting in Year 7 and this runs through to Year 11 with a residential at York taking place in Year 10.

Students who have the ability to apply to Oxbridge have a programme which begins in Year 10 and runs through to Year 13. They are well supported at all stages of their application.

Students interested in medicine are supported by both universities (Newcastle) and hospitals (James Cook, Sunderland) with staff coming into the academy and also students attending work experience placements.

Appendix



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