

# Careers IAG News



## Careers Update February 2020

Last year, the Government published new statutory guidance for Careers in Education. One of the new requirements is for schools to publish on their website a careers programme and for the school to appoint a Careers Coordinator, who is now myself, Mrs Vickie Visioli.

To help students understand the wide range of job opportunities that there are, the school is rolling out a programme over the next year where all students will be given access to **Start Profile**, a free, online careers platform designed to connect to 11-18 year olds with future career options. Students will be registering for the website through T20 and PHSE lessons over the next few terms.

On the week commencing March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020, we will be holding Year 10 career interviews. All of the students in year 10 will be given the chance to meet 1:1 with myself to discuss possible options after leaving school.

The **Work Experience** process has started for the current year 10's. The work experience brings multiple benefits to any young person, enabling them to explore their career options, develop their work related skills, and build on their soft skills, self-confidence and abilities.

So far, our year 11's have been able to visit college open days and discuss possible post 16 options. Currently 99% of our students have applied for college places and some students are even considering apprenticeships or supported internships. Interviews and taster days have already started to take place.

The **Life After The Abbey Event** will take place in June 2020, to which all parents and carers are invited. We are inviting guests to attend from various local colleges, special schools with sixth forms, and providers of apprenticeships/supported internships and various post 16 options. There will also be opportunities to speak to representatives from Surrey/Hampshire County Council including transport.

The following are important dates for the year 10 and 11's:

- Deadline for Work Experience Application forms **8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**
- Work Experience week **29<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020**
- Year 10 Career Interviews week commencing **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**
- The Life After The Abbey event **18<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

If you would like to discuss the above, or have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me @ [vvisioli@abbey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:vvisioli@abbey.surrey.sch.uk)

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