



YOUTH SPORT TRUST

Year 7's had an inspirational talk before the Easter break, delivered by Luke Green from Active Together and Ella Danvers from the Youth Sport Trust. The assembly focused on the importance of employability skills in order to be successful in future careers paths and also in personal development. Luke talked about how these skills can be developed often without realising, both in and out of school life. For example problem solving skills are used in every math's lesson whilst team working skills are used in every maths lesson whilst working team working skills develop through group work, especially when working with others outside of your friendship group.

Also good communication skills – the importance of being able to talk to a range of people, not just your close people and to engage in active listening with them. These are all skills which employers look for when recruiting young people for jobs, and are equally important to qualifications gained in school.

Ella Danvers – ex Woodbrook student is now employed by Youth Sport Trust. She originally started on a college course but quickly realised it wasn't for her and started her apprenticeship which she is thoroughly enjoying.

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SOCIAL WORKER CAREERS TALK

Year 10 Health and Social Care students were treated to a careers talk and Q&A session with a fully qualified social worker. As luck would have it here at Woodbrook Vale School we are fortunate to have a social worker amongst our staff, Ms Bryant. She spoke to both classes about the various aspects of the role of the social worker, how to become a social worker, what college, university and apprenticeship options are available to our students. The students were transfixed by the talk and asked a myriad of questions to gain additional information from our resident expert. Students ended the session with an excellent knowledge of social care work and for the students who had already expressed an interest in this field of work a reinforced desire to pursue this noble and rewarding career.

The currently is a **17%** growth in the number of jobs in the Leicestershire Area, with salaries up to **£50,000** for qualified social workers and **£37,000** for welfare professionals.

Routes into social work are via an Undergraduate degree approved by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) followed by a Masters degree in social work. Alternative routes can be via a non social work degree, followed by Fast track training, or a Level 6 Degree apprenticeship.

A huge thank you to Ms Bryant for agreeing to share her experiences (positive and negative) and her wealth of knowledge with the students to provide them with invaluable careers advice.

For more information, follow this link; <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/social-worker>





ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE AT LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY



Engineering Experience at Loughborough University
(3rd-4th July 2024)

This is going to be a fantastic event for Year 11 students interested in studying Engineering. The event is a free two-day, one-night residential experience, with students taking part in a range of practical engineering workshops and industry talks.

This event will include:

- Practical hands on workshops & activities delivered by our academics, researchers and expert alumni in the industry.
- Information to help you explore different types of engineering and the careers they provide.
- Explore the different courses on offer at one of the largest engineering universities in the UK.
- Opportunities to ask current students any questions about student life and living at Loughborough University.

For more information, including eligibility requirements and application forms visit the webpage here – <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/school-college-liason/key-stage-four/engexp/>



For more information please contact: mmcswiney@wbvs.co.uk

Medical Application Workshop



So you want to be a Doctor?

Welcome to our exclusive online event run on behalf of Spencer Academies Trust with support from the Medical Schools Council.

The event is designed to provide information so that we can support our students to be as competitive as possible.



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The workshop will be led by the Director of Admissions for Medicine at the University of Nottingham who will cover how students can prepare effectively for applying to study Medicine. The session will include practical advice and time to for you to ask questions.

When: 4pm – 5.15pm 2nd May

Where: Online Event

Dial in Details to Follow



SMB College Group

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INTERESTED IN A FUTURE IN CONSTRUCTION?

SMB College Group are holding an open evening at their Stephenson Campus on 1st May, from 17:00 to 19:00 for anyone interested in finding out about courses in construction.

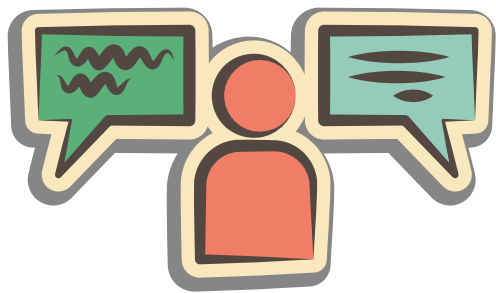
Courses on offer at Stephenson College are:

- Construction
- Professional Construction
- Construction T Levels
- Apprenticeships

SMB College Group work with a wide range of business partners to develop the courses on offer and offer exciting work experience and apprenticeship opportunities. Companies such as Redrow Homes and Barratt Homes!!

Follow this link to find out more and to register for the event:

https://www.smbcollegigroup.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_rseventspro&layout=show&id=173:construction-open-evening-may-stephenson-campus&Itemid=340



CAREERS FORUM - INVITATION TO TAKE PART

Thank you to all those parents and carers who responded to our recent survey about the careers programme at Woodbrook Vale, we very much appreciate your time and interest.

A common theme which came from the responses is that more information about Post 16 options would be useful as this is an area where families feel less confident, in particular technical routes such as T Levels and apprenticeships.

As a start please view the following short video which briefly explains the various levels and types of qualifications available after Year 11.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUrOFUbgw2g>

Students will also be provided with this information in more depth as part of their careers learning at school. This will take place in 1:1 careers meetings which they will have with me and also as part of their PD lessons and tutor time activities. We also invite employers and providers of education and technical training into school to inform out students about the range of options available to them after Woodbrook Vale.

We are planning to start a careers forum where we will send out more information and hear from parents/carers, employers and training providers. If you would be interested in taking part of you have any suggestions about the best way to do this, please do let me know via email: mmcswiney@wbvs.co.uk

A TO Z CAREERS

Year 7's were tasked with finding a career or job role for each letter of the alphabet and present it in an artistic form.

Here are some of the best entries which list careers from artist, archaeologist and actor to yoga instructor, video editor and zoologist. Thank you and well done to Charlotte Cheung, Reina Zainudin and Ashley Sharpe all from 7AE.





EARTH DAY AT LEICESTER SPACE PARK

Leicester schools and community are invited to celebrate Earth Day at Space Park Leicester.

The event, on Monday, April 22, designed to celebrate our planet and raise awareness about environmental conservation, will feature engaging activities from schools and the Leicester community.

This community event will commence at 3pm and run until 6:30pm. It will begin with the unveiling of a new sculpture by renowned artist Michelle Reader. Michelle has a BA in Fine Art and an MA in Scenography and make unique figurative recycled sculptures.

Her latest sustainable piece of Space Park Leicester primarily uses waste materials from Space Park laboratories and workshops.

Attendees can also look forward to participating in biodiversity satellite games, talks, litter picking groups, bulb planting and a final bird walk – all of which are aimed at promoting environmental stewardship and scientific education.

Eleanor Morton, NCEO Sustainability Manager, said “We’re thrilled to host this Earth Day event at Space Park Leicester, NCEO’s headquarters, bringing together schools and the wider community to celebrate our planet and explore the crucial role of science and technology in safeguarding future”.

Space Park Leicester is committed to promoting environmental sustainability and this event reflects its dedication to fostering community engagement and collaboration.

To register for the event, please search for Space Park Leicester’s Eventbrite page or click here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/earth-day-at-space-park-leicester-2024-tickets-846877803307?aff=oddtcreator>

Find out more about the University of Leicester to find out more about NCEO visit: <https://www.nceo.ac.uk/>