



THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

SSA/NHR

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 – Update from the Careers Department

To encourage students to begin exploring the wide range of pathways and opportunities available to them after leaving The Mountbatten School, we have organised an exciting programme of career insight activities throughout the coming year.

Careers Fair

On **Thursday 17 September**, parents/carers and students are invited to our annual Careers Fair which takes place from **6.00pm – 8.00pm** in the Olympic Hall. In attendance will be local colleges, training providers, local employers and our Careers Adviser. We have also organised an apprenticeship presentation for parents and carers from **6.30pm to 7.00pm**. This will allow you to find out about the many opportunities available to students after leaving school and college. Places are very limited and we ask that only parents attend the apprenticeship session, as students will receive an assembly in February during the National Apprenticeship Week. If you are unable to secure a seat on the night, we will run a further (online) session on a later date, if required.

Work Enrichment Day

On **Thursday 8 October**, students will take part in a range of engaging careers-related activities designed to help them explore their interests and begin thinking about their future. The day will include the launch of our Work Experience programme, using careers software to explore a variety of jobs and career pathways, taking part in the 'Real Game' to develop their financial literacy, and an introduction to researching different college courses and opportunities.

Work Experience

This year's work experience will take place from **22 – 25 March 2027**. Information for parents and carers will be sent home following the Work Enrichment Day in October.

Careers Education lessons

Students will continue to receive weekly careers education lessons based on the Career Development Institute's Careers Framework. Topics include: careers in the Civil Service and Armed Forces, the importance of attending college open events, employment rights and different contract types, health and safety at work, writing a personal statement, the recruitment process, different post-16 qualifications, and many more.

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Assemblies

Students will have the opportunity to listen to a range of speakers who will be invited to speak to students during key careers events throughout the year, such as 'National University Week', 'National Careers Week', and 'National Apprenticeship Week' to name a few.

Careers Guidance Meetings

Students can request a 1:1 Careers Guidance Meeting with one of our highly-qualified Careers Advisers by either contacting the Careers Department or speaking to their tutor. Following the meeting, a copy of the agreed action plan will be emailed home, and students will be asked to complete a short reflection to ensure they have the support they need.

College open events

We are very fortunate to have a wide range of excellent colleges and Sixth Forms on our doorstep, offering a variety of opportunities to suit every student. We encourage students to start visiting colleges during Year 10 and continue exploring their options in Year 11. Visiting a range of campuses, including those of different sizes, will help students get a feel for each environment and make an informed choice about the setting that best meets their individual needs and aspirations.

Please note that Eastleigh College, Southampton City College and Fareham College have merged and are collectively known as South Hampshire College Group (SHCG).

Supporting the careers education in school

We would love to hear from parents and carers who would be willing to share their career journey and experiences with our students. Whether through a short talk or Q&A session, your insight can help bring careers to life and inspire our students as they explore their future options.

If you have any queries or would like to support the Careers Department, please contact me via telephone 01794 510260 or email sindy.shakya@mountbatten.school

Yours sincerely

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