

Oct/Nov 2023

Raise Your Game and Careers event

This took place on 25th October 2023

On 25th October local employers and educational provided advice and guidance to over 500 of pupils across year 7/8/9 and 10 as they visited the stalls below:

Dudley College & Dudley Sixth
Connexions
George Salter 6th form
Halesowen College
Kind Edward 6th College Stourbridge
Midland Metro Alliance Employers
Nova Training
Q3 Tipton Sixth Form
South Staffordshire Water Employers
Walsall College
Wincon Engineers Employers
Zest Education
Sandwell College and St Michael's Central Sixth
Holly Lodge sixth form

Think Sandwell

To get **Apprenticeship** Advice— pupils and parents can see Sas Kaur our apprenticeship provider. She is available every Thursday in school.

[National.gov.uk/
apprenticeships](https://national.gov.uk/apprenticeships)

Later that evening during the 'Raising achievement' event—over 150 of our parents and year 11 students also benefitted from the guidance provided about A levels, T levels, BTEC Nationals, vocational courses, training providers and apprenticeships. And the opportunity to meet with one our connexions advisors—R.Gahir who is based on site every Wednesday and Friday. This event was supported by our year 'career ambassadors' who hosted the event.

SMART START CAREERS.

We enable all pupils to experience weekly careers education . We use the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks to set the standard and all schools are measured against this. Currently, at WOA we score 100% across all 8 of these benchmarks. Our full careers programme can be found on the website. This is what pupils have learned about this term.

Year 7 All about me

Year 8 Skills & Qualities

Year 9 Aspire to Higher Education

Year 10 Looking for work experience

Year 11 Post 16 education

Year 12 and 13 Employability skills. NCS



The National Citizenship Service (NCS) are our partners

They deliver personal & social development programmes for 16-17 year olds. Currently 12 of our WOA6 students have engaged in a number of employability workshops to prepare them for life after WOA.

Miss Davies form group in Year 11 have experienced 6 weeks of teambuilding and engagement activities during their Friday Smarts.

NCS offer a residential programme in the summer holidays for year 11 leavers—to find out more visit:

www.wearencs.com

Sandwell College (Partners)

Over 150 pupils in year 11 have experienced taster days at the college to find out more about:

Engineering / Health care/sports
Automotive/ Travel & Tourism/Health
care/child care

Our aims are to prepare learners for the future labour market (LMI). Gatsby benchmark 2. For more information about the labour market—visit our website— careers and LMI.

Gatsby Benchmarks

1. A stable careers programme
2. Learning from career and labour market information
3. Addressing the needs of each pupil
4. Linking curriculum learning to careers
5. Encounters with employers and employees
6. Experiences of workplaces
7. Encounters with further and higher education

Some of our up and coming events

November 6th– 10th	Tomorrow's Engineers Week	www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk/tomorrow-s-engineers-week
November 6th= 11th November	Green Careers week	Empowering positive change through sustainable careers
February 5th – 11th 2024	National Apprenticeship Week	NAW2024 - Amazing Apprenticeships
15th to 19th July 2024	Work experience week Year 10	Pupils have a week of experiences with employers– See Mrs Jones or Miss Atkins for more information
Friday 28th June 2024	Work experience induction date 2024. Year 10	Pupils get to meet the employer before they start work

Careers ambassadors.

This is a group of pupils who are leaders of careers and support other students in the younger years in all aspects of their careers. They run meeting's, organise groups and take part in our career and parent events. There are 12 career ambassadors in Year 9/10/11 and we have 15 new recruits in year 7/8.



Staff Career Champions

These are staff that can help you with:

Miss Atkins - All areas

Mrs Jones - Work experience

Mr Harris - Aspire to University

Mrs Hickman - CV Writing

Miss Willetts - Careers in Healthcare

Mrs Riley– STEM careers

Miss Robinson– Interview practice

ECO– Schools.

This year we have achieved the **Eco Schools award** which is part of our careers and enrichment programme. You will soon see the '**Green flag**' outside of school.

Our aims are:

- * **Recycling**
- * **Energy watch**
- * **To reduce litter**

There are currently 25 pupils in year 7 and 21 in year 8 signed up to the Eco team. **Our next project** is to plant 300 trees and shrubs to help our environment. If you would like to join our existing team and eco warriors please see Miss Atkins.

Useful Websites or links

- ◆ www.amazingapprenticeships.com
- ◆ www.Careerpilot.co.uk
- ◆ www.National.gov.uk/apprenticeships
- ◆ www.wearencs.com
- ◆ www.junipertraining.co.uk