



Careers Workshops

Before the school closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Careers Department hosted a number of visitors who presented lunchtime workshops on their profession and/or roles, along with details of career pathways, training and opportunities. Some of the workshops during the academic year 2018-19, included PHD Architects, Cambridge Intelligence and Audi and our visitors in 2019-20 were no less generous with their time in order to support our students - for which we're extremely grateful. Presenters use a variety of methods to illustrate their talks such as worksheets, Powerpoints, group work etc - all of which ensure our students are engaged and enjoy the workshops. Several sessions were planned for the spring and summer terms which we very much hope to reschedule on our return to school.

If you would like to present a workshop or would like to know more, please get in touch.

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Academic Year 2019-20



25th September 2019 - Careers in Aviation

Melanie Debnam, Principal Tutor at *Harlow College* visited and spoke about all the courses and apprenticeships open to students attending *Stansted Airport College*. The College, affiliated to Harlow College, is the only one of its kind in the country and is a unique and specialist centre offering technical and professional courses in Aviation, Engineering, Business, Hospitality and Events. Melanie was accompanied by a number of current apprentices who each spoke about their roles – a great way of connecting with our students. Almost all of last year's College students were successful in securing apprenticeships - a great achievement for them.

1st October 2019 - Careers in Investment Management

Charlotte Smith, Programme & Team Coordinator at *Investment 20/20*, presented a session to budding investment bankers and spoke in general about careers in the city including apprenticeships. Business Studies and Economics are extremely popular subjects at TBSHS so it was good to see this particular workshop was well-attended with students benefitting much from Charlotte's very accessible talk.

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18th November 2019 - GSK

In November, we were delighted to welcome Gemma Smith, a Cell Transduction Scientist who works in Cell & Gene Therapy Product Development at *GSK*. Gemma is a Degree Apprentice and was therefore able to talk first-hand of her experience with *GSK* to date. She also spoke about the many graduate opportunities available across all departments plus the February work experience programme. For someone so young, Gemma was a terrific, charismatic and engaging speaker who presented a valuable and worthwhile session.

19th November – University College, London

Something of a different style of workshop was the one presented by Mairéad McAuley who travelled from the Outreach Department of *University College London* (UCL) and talked about the careers one can pursue with a degree in the subject areas of the Ancient World or the Classics. All of the courses run by the Historical and Philosophical Studies Department are really accessible and Mairéad certainly communicated to our students her own fascination for the subject area. Careers to be pursued with a degree in Ancient World/Classics include teaching, law, computing, accountancy, marketing, banking, music (classical and popular), acting, the media, business, the voluntary sector, local government and politics. The workshop was well attended and included our current Latin students and Dr Coke-Woods.



26th November – Princess Alexandra Hospital

In November, we were lucky enough to welcome long-time supporter and friend of the school, Karen Kingsmill. Karen is the School & College Liaison Coordinator for *Princess Alexandra Hospital* and has many years of experience and knowledge. She gave a fantastic overview of careers in the NHS; there are more than 350 roles available including many apprenticeships. Karen was also able to tell us about the new and exciting nursing apprenticeships that launched in January this year.

3rd December - Price Baily Chartered Accountants

Our last workshop of 2019 was presented by *Price Bailey Chartered Accountants*, when we welcomed Lewis Bailey who gave us a terrific insight into careers at *Price Bailey* including the excellent and very over-subscribed apprenticeship scheme. For those considering university, there is also a renowned graduate scheme in place - also offering terrific training and benefits. The company were awarded *National Firm of the Year* at the British Accountancy Awards last year and have been recognised for the second year running by *The Sunday Times* as one of the UK's '*Top 100 Companies to Work For*'. Subsequently, I was delighted to learn earlier this year that one of the Year 13 workshop attendees was successful with his apprenticeship application and has been offered a place in September.



14th January – Graham Construction

With the construction industry in the midst of a huge and expansive building programme, it was great to meet with our *Careers & Enterprise Partner*, Sandra Saxton, the Regional Community Benefit Advisor from *Graham*. The company are currently working on the new A120 bypass through Little Hadham so not only was Sandra able to discuss careers and the future of the industry but we had an insightful update on the bypass! There are many, many roles to consider in construction from architecture, to project planning and engineering to surveying.

20th January - The Government Economic Service Degree Level Apprenticeship

Also in January, it was a real pleasure to welcome back ex-student Teale Cunningham. In September 2019, Teale was offered a place on the prestigious and high profile *Government Economic Service Degree Apprenticeship* and was one of just 70 chosen from 70,000 applicants – a tremendous achievement. Teale went through the rigorous recruitment process with our students as well as detailing his rotational training; he's currently working in the *Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs* and although he's working hard alongside colleagues, there are plenty of opportunities for socialising and some fun with other apprentice recruits.



25th February – Lloyds of London Insurance Market

Representing the *Lloyds of London Insurance Market*, we were very lucky to secure a visit from Jenn Barker who presented a good overview of the roles and opportunities available to young people. The UK insurance industry is the largest in Europe and the fourth largest in the world, managing investments of over £1.6 trillion and paying nearly £12bn in taxes to the Government – it is therefore hugely important to the British economy in terms of revenue and as an employer.

4th February – Tees Law

Close supporters of TBSHS and local firm *Tees Law* visited in February. HR Recruiter Sarah Gladstone was accompanied by some of the current apprentices who were appointed in a variety of roles within the firm and were able to talk first-hand about their working lives. Our students participated in some team building exercises – something they may well come across during future job applications - so hopefully a useful experience for them! For those intending to apply to university, Sarah also discussed the attractive Graduate Scheme in place at *Tees*.



3rd March – WB Wealth Ltd



It was super to welcome alumnus Peter Thomson 'back to school' - for what turned out to be our last workshop before school closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Peter, who works for *WB Wealth Ltd* attended TBSHS some years ago and is now married with a young family. He was incredibly generous with his time for and on behalf of our students; detailing his career to date in personal finance management and how he trained. Naturally, Peter is well informed regarding all aspects of finance such as the money/mortgage markets, savings rates (or lack of them..) and life insurance etc. Perhaps some of those who attended will be the next generation of Economists or Financial Advisors

My sincere and grateful thanks go to all those who presented Careers Workshops which I hope will resume on our return to school

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