

fortnightly Dear Families

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I often write in this blog that skills are equally as important to a student's development as academic performance. How much more 'employable' would they be if they not only have a solid set of GCSE's, but also the key skills employers look for?

Examples, but by no means an exhaustive list include organisation, leadership, resilience, initiative, and communication. An important part of displaying most of these skills requires feedback and the ability to be resilient when accepting it.

How well did you perform with that project, what areas do you need to develop, how can we support you to evolve even further in this role? You won't progress or move forward in a job if you don't listen to feedback.

Feedback is always there

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If you ask someone in any role when feedback occurs, they will typically mention a survey, performance appraisal, or a training evaluation. Feedback is around us all the time. Every time we speak to a person, employee, customer student, parent, etc., we communicate feedback. In actuality, it's impossible not to give feedback.

2 Feedback is effective listening

Whether the feedback is done verbally or via a feedback survey, the person providing the feedback needs to know they have been understood (or received) and they need to know that their feedback provides some value.

Feedback can motivate

Feedback can motivate employees to perform better. Employees like to feel valued and appreciate being asked to provide feedback that can help formulate business decisions. Also, feedback from clients, suppliers, vendors, and stakeholders can be used to motivate to build better working relations.

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4 Feedback can improve performance

Feedback is often mistaken for criticism. In fact, what is viewed as negative criticism can be constructive criticism and is the best kind of feedback. It can help to formulate better decisions to improve and increase performance, working with a growth mindset rather than a fixed one.

5 Feedback is a tool for continued learning

Continued feedback is important to remain aligned to goals, create strategies, develop products and services, improve relationships, and much more. Continued learning is the key to improving.

For us to model this to our students we want to facilitate a 'you said, we did' ethos across the futures programme. We started with the youth empowerment conference, and we have also set up a focus group for Year 9 and 10 students to feedback on our curriculum offer.

Our final piece on the jigsaw is to gauge the opinion of our families. In the spirit of what I've outlined above, if you can spare 5 minutes of your time to complete our survey, we would really value your opinions. Results and planned actions will be published on our website.

Complete Survey Here

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Where are they now?

This week we focus on Jake Langford who attended Stowmarket High School from 2014-2019



• What have you done since leaving Stow High and where are you working now?

Since leaving SHS I have worked as an Open Water Lifeguard and within Computer Tomography scanning at West Suffolk Hospital, whilst attending the Army Officer Selection Process – taking a year start to finish.

I am now at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst about to finish the arduous year long commissioning course where I will then commission as a 2nd Lieutenant, Royal Army Medical Corps, to command 30 Combat Medical Technicians and professionally qualified personnel, looking towards deployments in Mali and potential future humanitarian aid in the Caribbean, as well as being on standby for any potential future conflicts.

What is your fondest memory of Stowmarket High School?

My fondest memory of SHS was the year 12 Design Exhibition, in which I created a large beach bar, design itself was a brilliant subject in which there was a brilliant teamdynamic, a golden thread pulled through in my career.

What was the best bit of advice you ever received from one of your teachers?

'The thing is with you Jake, you have the ability... you just need to put in the effort' *-Mr. Blewitt*

Although perhaps not quite the quote this newsletter usually receives, it holds a pertinent message... knowledge is power, but without the effort it is redundant. Throw yourself into a task and you will reap more from it.

What advice would you give your Year 9 self now?

Try not to doubt yourself, everybody brings their own strengths and weaknesses to the table, try not to hide behind what you're confident in just to avoid the areas that you are not.

In my current workplace I am surrounded by Oxford and Cambridge graduates, UAE royalty and internationals who work within their own country's special forces (intimidating, I know), but we all bring something to the table with our individual experiences and thoughts – and that's what makes a team work.

What were your favorite subjects at school and how have they helped you in your job today would you say?

Design, History and Psychology. Studying History is the only way in which we prevent ourselves making the same mistakes in the future, any future leader should have a good knowledge of history and the foundational analytical skills I took from history I use in day-to-day work.

Design had a brilliant work ethic and team dynamic, everybody worked for each other, and our group has kept close since, often making time aside from work to meet. Having a good team dynamic is crucial for any area of the Army and it is how we achieve our end goals.

Psychology, you cannot lead people effectively unless you understand them... much of

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this comes down to emotional intelligence within leaders. Being able to understand the emotions and actions of a group of people, or individuals is crucial in leading and understanding.

Shout out to anyone in particular?

Mr. Smith and Mrs. Relf for giving me a good baseline understanding of analysis and the importance of history in shaping the future. Mrs. Arnold for showing how creative approaches and thoughts can solve problems and create links.

The ability of writing especially that of persuasive writing, should not be underestimated. Much of my job will include writing reports on my soldiers that have a direct impact on their career thus the ability to write well should always be within any leader's skillset. Mr. Rourke for his help in Math's, he had a genuine care towards my development and without him I would not have achieved the grades that I required to go forward in my career.

Mr. Hawkins, Duszynski, Bannister and Burgess for creating the team dynamic that they did within the design department... and allowing us to get things wrong sometimes!

Mr. Blewitt, for his honesty and giving me the occasional kick...



We would love to hear from you and feature you in our 'Where are they now?' series, register your interest here: futures@stowhigh.com



At the very end of last term we ended on a high with our Youth Empowerment Conference.

A fantastic event, which bought together students from Year's 7 to 11 in mixed groups to take part in four themes across the day. The future of Employment, The Future of the Environment, The Future of Self and The Future of the School Community.

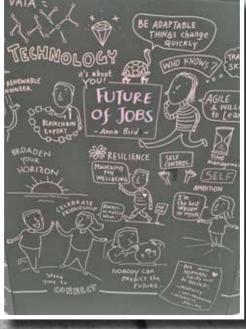
We had a visual artist who captured the student's ideas, thoughts and emotions of the day, this will be going on display in the atrium after the design exhibition so make sure to check it out.

We has external speakers across each theme and The Mix ran one of their transferable skills workshops.

The students were super engaged and initial feedback is very positive, we will look to make this an annual event, a great experience for the students.









Advice and a Slice last week in the LRC, where we had Alumni Jake Langford, who has just commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst as a 2 Lieutenant, Royal Army Medical Corps, to command 30 Combat Medical Technicians and professionally qualified personnel, looking towards deployments in Mali and potential future humanitarian aid in the Caribbean, as well as being on standby for any potential future conflicts.

He is currently enrolled in a Defence and International Affairs degree whilst also studying Cultural and Behavioral Science and War Studies. He gave a fantastic session on his career path to date and the students were super engaged and asked lots of questions, he proved so popular he will be back again soon!



Sessions

Wednesday 25th May 2022 - 12.30pm Joe Stocking, Head of Music & Media at West Suffolk College

Wednesday 8th June 2022 - 12.30pm Annabele Osborne, Neaco Art Champion Music & Working with the Stars

Creative Careers Workshop

All in the LRC at lunchtime please let Mrs. Mylrea know in the LRC Office or email her on m.mylrea@stowhigh.com to make sure that we have enough Dominos Pizza

es making you feel uncomfortable

Following the NCS presentation in form time on Thursday, Beth from NCS was here to host a pop up drop in during lunchtime for Year 11 in the Atrium.

A fantastic programme for Year 11's to get involved in over the summer including a fun residential and a local action project. Great for CV's and College and Uni applications down the line. There is still time to sign up email Beth on beth. corley@itfc.co.uk



CAREER SESSION: MARKETING

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Are you interested in a career in marketing? Maybe you'd like to design websites, or learn the art of search engine optimisation? Perhaps you fancy becoming a whizz at creating posts for social media, finding out what customers think, or designing perfect logos?

There are so many paths to wander down in the world of marketing! Come along to this free career session for young people and learn from the highly talented (and award winning) team at Mackman Group – creative branding, marketing and research specialists based in Sudbury.

We're so grateful to Mackman Group for creating this marketing session. Mackman Group is made up of a branding and marketing agency (Mackman) and a market research agency (Mackman Research).

Mackman create brands that are visually distinctive, intelligently positioned and strategically designed, including brand development, marketing strategy, website design and development, marketing communications, digital marketing, and video production. Mackman Research work with a huge range of organisations to provide them with research services like marketing insight, competitor analysis, and social research.





For further details and to book a free place Visit <u>www.careeriosity.co.uk</u> Email careeriosity@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk West Suffolk Foundation Trust Health and Care Academy is offering a virtual course across six Saturday mornings between May and July 2022 to anyone aged 15-19, who would like to gain an insight into working in Health and Care. Delivered by the West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, the aim of this series of free virtual sessions is to encourage and inspire young people thinking about a career in Health and Care to take the next step.

This six-session academy course is being delivered virtually via Microsoft Teams, on Saturday 14th and 21st May, 11th and 28th June and 2nd and 9th July. It will include insight sessions into careers such as Midwifery, Medicine, Health Care Assistant, physiotherapy and Primary Care, Information on key skills required to working in Health and Care as well as advice on CV and personal statement writing.

This programme is the first step in accessing information about working in the Health and Care sector and the range of careers available. Health and Care ambassadors will lead the programme and participants will get a chance to ask any questions. On completion of the short course, participants will be provided with support in accessing their next steps and are also awarded a certificate of participation which will look great on CVs and will help at future interviews.



Feedback from participants of a previous Health and Care Academy: -

"Just wanted to say thank you for all your advice, help and information regarding different NHS careers. It has been so enjoyable and I would love to do this again if I could!"

"I found this Academy very interesting, learning about different roles and how important they are, as well as understanding the fundamental characteristics needed in Health and Care careers."

"I benefitted from the fact we get to ask questions as when you're studying in college the majority of the time you get taught the knowledge but don't get the honest insight into what it's actually like as your teacher isn't experienced in that sector."

"Thank you very much! I learnt so much about jobs that I hadn't previously considered."

FIND OUT MORE



Dr Alex here, President of Vet Mentor. I'm delighted to announce the return of the FREE Get into Veterinary Medicine Conference for all aspiring vet students.

I will be hosting a FREE Get into Veterinary Medicine Conference on: Sunday 15th May from 9:30am to 5:30pm. The conference is a fantastic opportunity for aspiring students. Register your free place using this link: https://airtable.com/shrs1hEiPfdSSgnl2.

Now is the ideal time for students to begin preparing for their application to veterinary medicine, and this conference will equip you with the skills and resources to do exactly that.

Attendees will be guided towards becoming the best university candidate they can be with:

- CV Building
- Veterinary Work Experience
- Personal Statement Advice
- Veterinary School Interview Training
- Help with accessing Veterinary Awards, Prizes, and Leadership Programs
- Guidance in applying for Scholarships to study Veterinary Medicine at University

I'll also be answering any questions about UCAS and what it's like to work as a Vet day-today. Feel free to find out more about the Get into Veterinary Conference and how it you will benefit here:

https://medicmentor.co.uk/online-get-intoveterinary-medicine-conference/

Attendees who stay for the entire conference will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance to add to their UCAS application!

Book your place for Sunday 15th May 9:30am -1:30pm by filling out this short form: https://airtable.com/shrs1hEiPfdSSgnl2

Many thanks!

Dr Alex Davies President of Vet Mentor Your Medic Family



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With summer quickly approaching, I wanted to get in touch to remind your students that we only have a few spaces left on our summer UK Medical Work Experience Week.

During this week, full of interactive medical work experience, students will:

- Assess, diagnose and treat patients in realistic A&E simulations
- Master medical skills such as: Cannulation, venepuncture, CPR & others
- Get NHS Doctor and medical students teaching with personalised and group feedback
- Get UCAT and BMAT advice and tips from top-scoring medical students
- Undergo a 6-station, 1-to-1 mock interview with personalised feedback
- Spend a week in London with like-minded medicine applicants 24/7 staff supervision, central London accommodation and breakfast and dinner are all included too.

We currently have spaces available on the following summer dates:

- 10th July 2022 (only a few spaces left)
- 17th July 2022
- 31st July 2022 (only a few spaces left)
- 7th August 2022

Your students can find out more about this opportunity and book their space following this link: educationprojects.co.uk/courses/uk-medical-work-experience-course.

Have a great rest of your day!



We hope you had a fastastic Easter and are looking forward to the rest of Spring 2022.

As this year continues, we are now seeing more learners successfully achieve their Apprenticeship or Full Time Programmes and employers are already taking advantage of this by recruiting their next Apprentice to start in the summer.



Customers are also utilising the funded training programme which we have available.

In this latest newsletter you will find updates on:

- Apprenticeships for Spring & Summer 2022
- Commercial Training Available
- Level 3 Qualifications Fully Funded
- Sustainability Centre, Events and Training

Apprenticeships

There are always two options available to employers when engaging with Apprenticeship Training - either recruit a new Apprentice or upskill an existing member of your workforce.

We are currently supporting over 40 employers to source and recruit new Apprentices, either to start immediately or for the summer. It's important to keep a step ahead of your competition and ensure you attract the best applicants possible. Even if you wish to start someone in August or September, please contact us so we can reserve your place on the programme (places are at a premium on certain courses).

On the right are some of the programmes we have ready to start for existing employees. You can use your Apprenticeship Levy or access 95% of the training fee from the Government for this new skills development.

Contact us **apprenticeships@wsc.ac.uk** to discuss your needs in further detail.

Laboratory Science Technician

Digital Marketer

Level 3

Level 3



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Adult Care Worker



Team Leader / Supervisor Level 3





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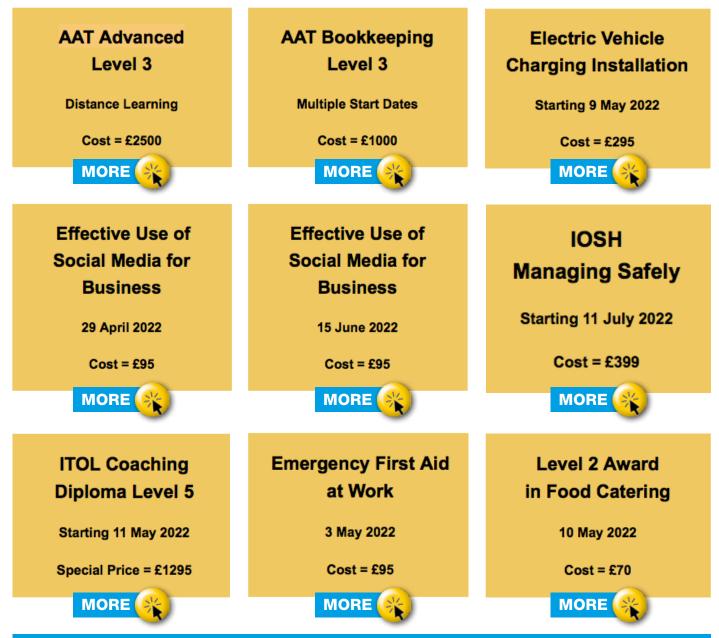
Commercial Training at **WSC**

West Suffolk College are here to help and support the skills development of your staff.

Our Commercial Courses offer a short and direct route to enhance knowledge and formal accreditation. Local funding grants are available to support specific training so please get in touch to either book a staff member on one of our open courses or to discuss designing a bespoke training package for your organisation.

Please see below some of the courses we have starting soon.

For any enquiries please contact training@wsc.ac.uk



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Virtual **ROUTES INTO STEM**



Flexible study courses running in October 2021, February & July 2022

Discover where your interests could take you

If you are enjoying your Tech, Design, Maths or Science studies at school and would like to know what exciting future these subjects could lead to, then we have the course for you! Our Virtual Routes into STEM course makes finding out about your future STEM options, developing your skills and knowledge, and hearing from experts easy to do.

We are here to help.

At EDT, we are highly experienced in connecting young people with industry and inspiring STEM futures. There are more career options in STEM than you could ever imagine, and many different routes to get you there. Join one of our online courses to find out more and we will help navigate you through.

Virtual Routes into STEM course

This an innovative and exciting opportunity for all students aged 13-16 (Yr 9&10 / S3&4) to explore the various routes they can take towards their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) career. It is designed to give students an insight into pathways following GCSEs/Nat 5 and Highers including study routes via college and university and direct apprenticeship routes through industry. It is suitable for all academic abilities - all that is required is a genuine interest in STEM subjects and inquisitiveness about what the future can hold.

Approximately 20 hours of studies are required to be completed over 3 weeks, allowing students to study flexibly at a pace that suits their individual circumstances, giving them the freedom to study around other activities that they may have planned.



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Click here for full course details

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ROUTES INTO STEM

gives students a fantastic insight as to what life would be in a variety of different settings. Students will be able to tour a variety of multiple colleges, universities, and employers across the UK virtually.

grants access to a comprehensive program of study, engaging challenges, and a wealth of information enabling students to better understand their future study and career options.

sets out a chance to take part in exciting STEM activities and projects including hands on problem solving, decision making and critical thinking tasks.

provides access to live STEM education and career sessions with range of role models including student ambassadors, apprentices, graduates, academics as well as mentor panels with STEM employers to join live Q&A session with an opportunity to ask our panel of experts any questions.

awards students with an extremely valuable addition to their portfolio, a highly regarded industry led accreditation that was inspired by HRH The Prince of Wales. Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive a Bronze Industrial Cadets award and be in a position to make a more informed decision about their future.

Course details

The course cost is £60 towards the cost of administration and the Industrial Cadets Bronze award. Bursary places are available, please refer to the application form.

Next course dates: 21st Oct - 11th Nov 2021 10th Feb - 3rd Mar 2022 14th Jul – 4th Aug 2022

If you have any further questions, click here for more info or please contact our team at studentrecruitment@etrust.org.uk or call on 01707 906106



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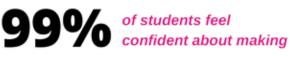
of the students feel their 96% of the students feel their skills and knowledge have improved from taking part in the course.

"The course gave me a clearer insight into the different routes following my GCSEs, and mapped out the bigger picture along with skills needed to be successful in any STEM career."

99% of students agree or strongly agree they of students agree or have learnt more about

STEM career opportunities available to them following their GCSEs/Nat 5 and Highers.

"It helped me gain confidence in my future career decisions and solidified what I would like to pursue in the future. Furthermore, I improved skills which I would not have otherwise. like independent working and research for the graduation project. I am really grateful for the opportunity."



future study and careers choices after the course, compared to 63% precourse.

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Summer Career Experiences 15 industries | Ages 12-18



Over the Easter period, we were busy putting the finishing touches to our immersive summer career experiences in London. We are now more than 80% full across the board and expect to close registration soon.

Some of the life-changing opportunities on offer: Debate in a 'Model UN' session at Amnesty International; experience sports psychology at a Premier League club; display your artwork in a private gallery at the Tate Modern; piece together a supercar engine with F1 engineers; direct scenes on a Hollywood film set; and many other incredible professional experiences that students simply cannot find anywhere else.

CLICK TO View & Register: Ages 15-18

CLICK TO View & Register: Ages 12-14

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15 World-Class Experiences



'IT'S WORTH EVERY SINGLE SECOND OF YOUR TIME



"I NOW KNOW WHAT I WANT TO DO WITH THE REST OF MY LIFE'

'I'VE GOT MORE OUT OF THIS EXPERIENCE THAN I EVER THOUGHT I WOULD! Ashleigh, Student 🛨 🛨 🛧



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Architecture: complete design projects in a real studio

Art: present your portfolio to a panel of top artists

Dentistry: drill teeth on phantom heads

Engineering: explore a private jet with BA engineers

Entrepreneurship: pitch a business plan to top CEOs

Filmmaking: direct a movie scene on a real film set

Forensic Science: analyse fingerprint and blood splatter evidence

Investment Banking: trade the markets live in a London skyscraper

Law: argue a case before a judge in the Supreme Court

Medicine: shadow doctors in a London teaching hospital

Politics: 'Model UN' with real UN staff

Psychology: work with psychologists on a mental health ward

Software Engineering: create your own healthcare app

Veterinary Medicine: practise vet surgery on dummy animals

Video Game Design: design a game and pitch it to professionals

Summer **Experiences** in Action

Click on the video to see real footage from previous Summer **Experiences**.



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It has many features, such as the develop section which delivers guidance in creating a CV, the contact section which helps signpost people to find support in areas that they need, and the search section which shows current vacancies based on the persons interests.

For more details about the Yojo App visit www.yojoapp.co.uk



MORE THAN BOOMS

Applications for medicine-related degrees have rocketed since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, but universities often insist on applicants having had meaningful work experience in the field.

We are offering students aged 12-18 exclusive medical experience this summer in worldclass hospitals and clinics across London: highly-immersive activities supervised by experienced doctors, dentists, vets, psychologists and more.

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Shadow dentists in clinics and hospitals Learn to drill and take impressions Take patient histories

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