

CREATING FUTURES

Official careers newsletter of Nottingham Girls' Academy

Introducing: Our Careers Team

Jenny Saunders (Careers Lead)

I am the Careers and Employability coordinator at the Academy and have been involved in delivering careers-based learning for most of my 28-year career. I am dedicated to making sure that our students get the best careers education,

advice and guidance and are empowered to make the right choices for them on leaving the Academy. We encourage them to look at a wide range of potential careers with a focus on developing the skills needed for occupations that may not even exist yet

Michele Jarman (DANCOP Administrator):

Michele has 30 years' experience of working within careers and is a qualified Careers Advisor. She provides impartial information, advice and guidance regarding careers, further/ higher education, student finance and apprenticeships, ensuring all students reach their full potential and progress into their chosen career choice.

Kyla Everard (DANCOP Careers Mentor):

Kyla is a Nottingham Academy alum, with a degree in Counselling from UoN. She is passionate about ensuring people choose qualifications and jobs that help them to thrive, develop as a person and improve their quality of life.



WELCOME BACK! INTRODUCING OUR NEWSLETTER:

Written by Kyla Everard (DANCOP Careers Mentor)

Firstly, welcome back! And welcome to our new newsletter. We hope that this newsletter will be a valuable source of information to you as parents on what we are doing as a careers team to encourage your children to consider their futures.

We all know that this year has been a very tricky one; it has affected every part of our lives, and careers and job opportunities for young people are inevitably included in that. Our careers department are currently working on a variety of things to ensure that the young people in our school do not miss out. This includes: looking into virtual work experience opportunities, looking into virtual open days for colleges and universities and ensuring that careers are at the forefront of enrichment activities in form groups and citizenship lessons. We're hoping to keep you updated via this newsletter- showing you what we have been up to and keeping you informed of important careers related dates.



INTRODUCING: T-LEVELS.

T-Levels are a new further education option, developed with employer input to ensure the content of the qualification met the needs of the workplace and further study. They are equivalent to 3 A-Levels, last two years, and consist of three components:

- A Technical qualification, including core theory, concepts and skills.
- A mandatory industry placement, lasting at least 315 hours with an employer.
- The opportunity to reach a minimum standard in Maths and English if not yet achieved.

T Levels are currently available at Nottingham College, Derby College and Loughborough college. There are expected to be 24 T-Levels available by 2023, with 7 currently available to study at Nottingham College in September 2021. These include Science, Digital Business Services, and Childcare.

With their mandatory work placements, T-Levels give real potential to young people to study and gain real work experience in their preferred field.

For more information, visit <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/students>

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The future depends on what you do today- Mahatma Ghandi

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Key Dates

'BEE like me day'

Year Nine will have a morning full of workshops, and then an afternoon meeting employers and hearing about their experience, education and job.

(This has been postponed due to year 9 being sent home but will be rescheduled after christmas)

Year 11 Careers Day- Year 11s will have a day off timetable, engaging with 5 different workshops from different organisations. 3rd December.

JOBS OF THE FUTURE-

Globalism is something that increasingly affects the job market. Political scientist Joseph Nye describes globalism as "attempts to understand all the interconnections of the modern world—and to highlight patterns that underlie them."

Worldwide developments in technology, policy and lifestyle mean the following jobs are becoming increasingly sustainable and relevant:

- Crisis management- Especially considering the aftereffects of the pandemic- in 1st and 3rd world countries.
- Driverless vehicle technician
- Geotechnical engineer
- Haptic programmer
- Robotics engineer

What is 'LMI'?

- LMI stands for 'labour market information' and simply put, it means facts and figures about the job market
- This can be produced by the government, local authorities, higher education providers, data collection companies, but others too.
- LMI helps us understand what kind of jobs are more sustainable: things like which jobs are due to have more vacancies in the future and which jobs have too many qualified people to work in. (oversupply).
- Our 'jobs of the future' section will showcase jobs that LMI show are becoming more prominent in the world of work, where demand is continually increasing.

SKILL IN FOCUS: PROBLEM SOLVING

How does problem solving help in the workplace?

Problem solving is valued highly in our economy. It shows that you can assess situations and analyse information. Problem solving shows that someone can think for themselves and is able to deal with challenges using initiative and creative thinking skills which helps us to reach targets. Employers want to see this, so they know they can trust us to work independently.

How can I develop my problem solving skills?

One of the most valuable things to realise about problem solving is that problems are essentially just choices. Deciding what to revise first, when you realise you've not prepared enough for mock exam week is problem solving. Problem solving can be broken down into steps:

-Firstly, focus not on the problem but on the end goal, and the different ways you can get there. Linger on what went wrong, and who's fault it is is not productive and will not lead to solutions.

-Secondly, work out why this problem has arisen to try and stop it happening again- why did I not revise? Is it because I feel worried about exams and spend my time being stressed when I could be preparing? Remember not to make excuses, but to try and source the root of the issue. Try to list all possible solutions, using open phrases such as 'what if?' or 'imagine if I'.

-Finally, out of all of the possible solutions, choose the one that makes the most sense- such as making a revision timetable or having an amount of time each day away from your phone.

What are a few jobs that involve problem solving?

Engineering- engineers need to be able to break down both machines and problems into their component parts, find the best solution, find ways to achieve this solution and pick the best approach to fix it.

Nursing- Nurses rely on a combination of clinical expertise and problem solving, taking the belief that problems are not obstacles, but rather opportunities to improve their patients health and wellbeing. Working with people presents an endless number of potential challenges.

Business roles: In business, it is important to ensure that your processes help you to reach your business targets. Identifying less productive areas of a company and making these areas more efficient is the most effective way to reach these targets.