

Careers News



SUMMER TERM 2 | 2021
EDITION 6

Enrichment Morning – Living in the Wider World

On Wednesday 14th July the whole school took part in an enrichment morning with the theme of 'Living in the Wider World'. Students took part in a number of different activities to help inspire and motivate them about their future.

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 started the morning meeting Stephen Seki and heard about his journey from Farmer to Pharmacist. Stephen has visited Teignmouth Community School before and his inspirational story of growing up in poverty in Uganda; moving to the UK aged 10 and following his dream to become a pharmacist has always been a highlight. Stephen's personal yet powerful message about his journey was a great start to the day as he encouraged students to work hard on their dream, use failure as a tool for success, build resilience and to never give up! Year 10 first met Stephen last academic year, but they heard from him again as he talked about aspiration, motivation and confidence as they approach their final year.



Year 7 and 8 then took part in a "Guess the Occupation" session with a variety of employees coming into the classrooms or via Zoom. The started by giving three clues about their job and pupils then had to ask a number of questions to deduce their occupation. The was a fun session which students were really engaged with and were inspired by the wide range of career paths. Guests included Josh, a Critical Care Paramedic with Devon Air Ambulance, LBdr Lynn Pearce with the Royal Artillery and trainee solicitor Hannah from Scott Richards.



We were also delighted to welcome back a number of ex TCS students too. Katie who left school in 2017 now works at the RD&E as a midwife and Laura who left in 1995 now runs her own counselling service. Students also heard from Kate, Publicity & Corporate Responsibility Manager at Kier Construction and Dave who attended school here in the 1980's. Dave started his career as a RAF fighter pilot but now works as a commercial pilot with British Airways. Mr Mearns thought the employees "gave powerful messages about flexibility, how to manage others, the value of team work, the importance of self-belief and how kindness, consideration and politeness opens doors for you".



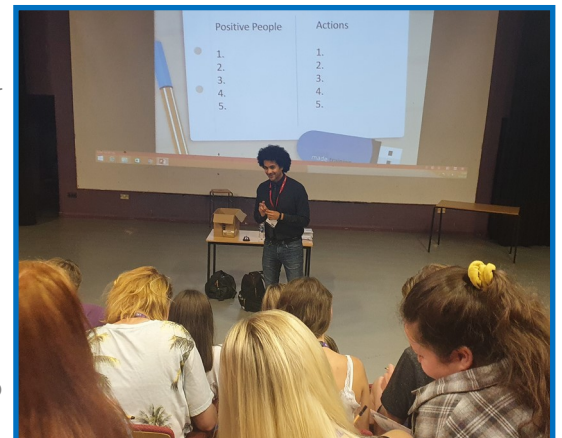
Huge thanks to all the individuals and businesses who gave up their time to talk to our students.

Year 9, 10 & 12 then met James and Danny from MADE training who work with schools to inspire young people to focus, work hard and achieve their full potential.

Students took part in a number

of workshops looking at setting goals and creating a plan for future success, developing positive habits for incremental success and helping to maintain positive expectations. Mr Lewis, Head of Sixth Form said "Year 12 learnt some very valuable techniques & practical strategies to improve positive mindset and the importance of adopting a marginal gains approach towards their holistic sixth form studies."

We hope our students enjoyed the morning off normal timetabled lessons and found the sessions interesting and thought provoking and has motivated them to go on and achieve their full potential.



Virtual Work Experience (VWEX)

A number of students from Year 10 secured virtual work experience placements this term with Speakers for Schools. There was a wide range of placements completed from a variety of industry sectors.



One student spent a morning with The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst to explore a career as an Officer in the British Army. Six of our construction students took part in a virtual placement with Building Greater Exeter & Morgan Sindall. They found out about the career opportunities available with Morgan Sindall live from Exeter Science Park and took part in a live Q&A session with young people working on site. The students were delighted to each receive a £10 'In Exeter' voucher for their efforts in the group design task.

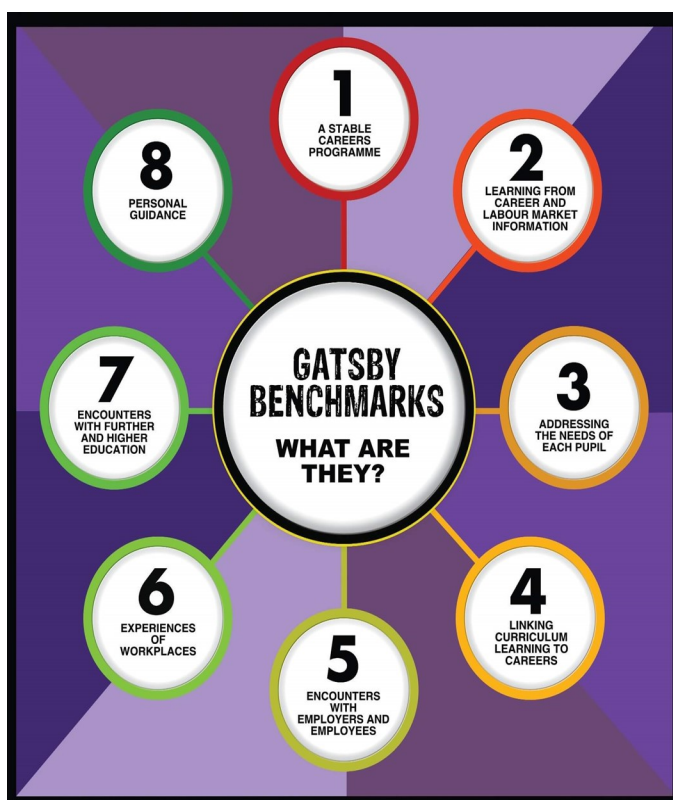


An aspiring chef took part in a one day placement to gain an insight into the hospitality industry with HOST and Somerset Larder who provide the accommodation and catering services for workers at Somerset's Hinkley Point C nuclear power project. The Met Office based in Exeter also hosted a morning session for a student to get a glimpse into the inner workings of The Met Office, as well as introduce some of the inspiring careers in, and influenced by, weather and climate

Opportunities are available throughout the year, so if students want to find out what is available now you can register for the Speakers for Schools Experience portal [here](#) and follow the simple application process; it takes just a couple of minutes to complete the registration.

For step-by-step guidance on how to register and create a Speakers for Schools student account click [here](#)

Evaluating our Careers Programme



Teignmouth Community School works closely with the Careers and Enterprise company, an external organisation that supports schools to ensure they are following the DfE's newly devised Careers Strategy. The strategy sets out that every school and academy providing secondary education should use the Gatsby Charitable Foundation's 8 Benchmarks to develop and improve their careers provision.

As an education establishment we ensure we use these 8 Gatsby Benchmarks as a foundation when planning our Careers Strategy and the effectiveness of our provision is inspected and audited by the Careers and Enterprise Company using the Compass Careers Benchmark Tool once a term. Part of this audit is an annual evaluation from parents, students and teachers so that the feedback can drive any changes or improvements to the programme for the following year.

Please could you click on the relevant link below and complete the short online survey to give your anonymous feedback:

- [Parent/Carer Feedback Survey](#)
- [Student Feedback Survey](#)

Exam Results Days - Summer 2021

Exam results this year will be released on Tuesday 10th August (A Levels and Level 3 Qualifications) and Thursday 12th August (GCSEs and Level 2 Qualifications). Mrs Hussain and Rachel Bolt, independent careers advisor from CSW group, will be on hand in school on Thurs 12th Aug if students have any questions or queries about their next steps.

Rachel will also be available on the following dates throughout August and can be contacted on 07786 334620 or via email: rachel.bolt@cswgroup.co.uk

- Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th August
- Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th August
- Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th August
- Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th August



Results day webinars for parents & carers

Get advice to help you prepare for results day and support your child with their options after their results

📞 0800 100 900

💻 nationalcareers.service.gov.uk



The National Careers Service is delivering a series of webinars for parents and carers whose children are receiving results this August.

It has been a challenging year for students and the National Careers Service want to equip parents and carers with advice to support their children on the day.

Click the links on the right, to sign up to one of the webinars and get:

- tips on how your child can prepare for results day
- advice about their options
- advice about leaving education and exploring careers
- signposting to useful sources
- an opportunity for Q&A.

Book your free place now:

Choose one of the dates below and click the 'book your place' link to sign up.

Friday 30th July, 12pm – [book your place](#)

Tuesday 3rd August, 4pm – [book your place](#)

Wednesday 4th August, 12pm – [book your place](#)

The Employability Guide

Employability. It's a buzz word that's for sure, but what does it actually mean? In the simplest terms, employability refers to having the qualities suitable for paid work. Although it goes beyond this, it's ultimately about being equipped with the skills and resources to enter a rewarding and fulfilling career.

Reaching 16 can be a scary time, finding work experience, a part-time job and the right university. Whilst this may seem overwhelming, it's exciting too! You're one step closer to becoming an established young adult, so it's likely you'll have lots of questions...

Pearson's brand-new Employability Guide is here to help you by equipping you with the skills and knowledge you need to enter the job market with confidence.

Are you ready to kick-start your career? Download their free guide by clicking on the image below.



WHAT WILL THE GUIDE COVER?

YOUR CV AND COVER LETTER **PAGE 03**
It's all about you

HOW TO PREPARE FOR INTERVIEWS **PAGE 09**
They're not as scary as you think

EXPERIENCE **PAGE 13**
You'll have more than you realise

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The modern steppingstone for opportunities

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Apprenticeships

The latest Parent Pack from Amazing Apprenticeships is out now. In the [July issue](#) they are looking at getting work ready, T Levels in Construction, apprenticeships in tech, Post 16 support for students with SEN, life as an apprentice laboratory scientist and much more!

www.amazingapprenticeships.com



Interested in a career in Construction?

Building Greater Exeter have recently launched their new Construction Training Directory. This valuable resource has been created to enable school leavers to access all the current training opportunities in construction and the built environment. Whether you are considering entry level apprenticeship/traineeships and/or T-level courses OR degree apprenticeships, the Directory lists all the courses available in the Greater Exeter area.

With over 180 roles in Construction, there has never been a better time to consider a career in the sector and the Directory includes a diverse range of courses in: Design; Civil Engineering; Electrical; Bricklaying; Site Supervisor; Surveying; Carpentry, plus many more.

[The Construction Training Directory](#)

[Construction Apprenticeships](#)

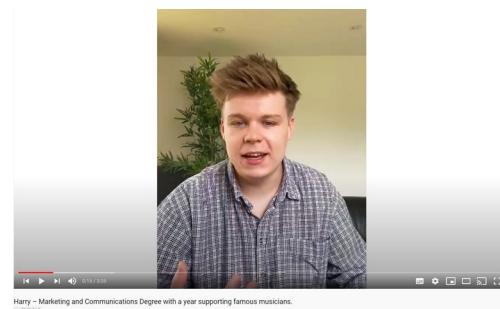
Make It Happen!

Check out this series of short 3 minute videos created by young people who have motivated themselves to succeed in a variety of ways during the pandemic. They share their advice and insights on how to stay positive, achieve success and build your future. You can hear from Harry (pictured right) who loved music at school. He has pursued his passion and spent the last year

working in marketing and communications with famous musicians and Casey who started an apprenticeship at Devon County Council.

All videos can be found online [here](#)

Videos Produced by the Careers Hub - part of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership.



Digital Takeover at Teign Heritage Centre

Students from Year 9 with an interest in a career in History and/or Social Media visited Teign Heritage Centre this term as part of the National Digital Takeover Day of museums.

The students started the morning discussing with Sarah Marshall-Maun, the Centre's Education & Digital Engagement Officer many different ideas on how to promote the museum to a younger audience and encourage visitors and volunteers from a younger demographic. Social



media accounts of English Heritage and National Museums were then looked at to gain ideas and inspiration as well as browsing the museum's two galleries to find out about Teignmouth's rich history.

The students then selected their favourite exhibits and worked as a group to produce three TikTok videos to show the museum off in a fun and entertaining way.

Check out Teign Heritage Centre's new TikTok page [here](#)



Next Steps South West

University Open Days

Whether it's finding out about the courses, facilities and accommodation of universities and colleges for the future or due to unexpected results students are researching alternative options for studying HE in 2021, an Open Day is a great way to ask questions and get answers. Go online to see a list of upcoming Open Days from Next Steps South West's partner universities and colleges.

If sights are set further afield then go to opendays.com for comprehensive listings of Open Days across the UK.

View all of NSSW events and activities [here](#). They also have a page dedicated to our partner Higher Education Institution's (HEI) virtual experiences - take a virtual campus tour [here](#).

Also don't forget NSSW offer a £40 HE Travel Card to help towards the cost of visiting an Open Day for all Sixth Form students - find out more [here](#), or speak to Mrs Deeks.



HE Knowledge Hub Podcast

Next Steps South West have launched a podcast called HE Knowledge Hub. The first 3 episodes are available now and can be found on [Spotify](#) or you can access via the NSSW website, where there are additional show notes and useful infographics.

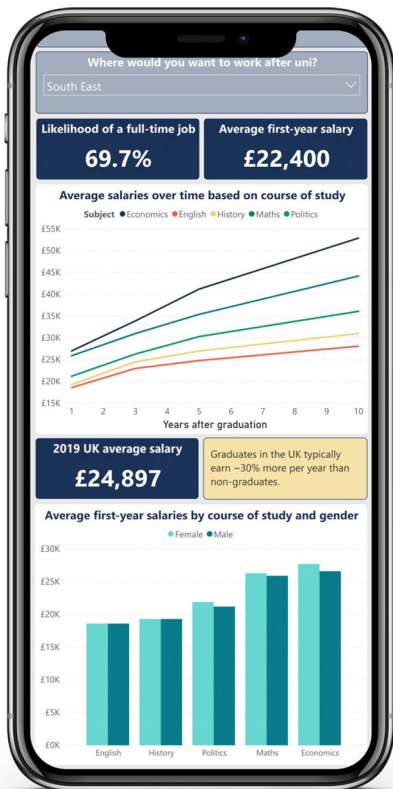
[Episode 1: Student Finance](#) | [Episode 2: HE Skills & Student Life](#) | [Episode 3: G7](#)

NSSW have also created an area which contains links and information to [partner podcasts and resources](#) created by other UniConnect partnerships.



The Pay Index

The Pay Index is a new resource to assist students with future financial well-being and decisions about their options after leaving school/college. Using the resource to compare education routes, we hope will go some way to simplify a lot of the information surrounding choosing a university course or apprenticeship.



The Pay Index pulls the latest data from university surveys surrounding student and course satisfaction, teaching quality and employability post-graduation to name but a few.

It also provides insights and resources about average salaries and information about repayments of student loans, with the ability to compare different parts of the UK to understand the real cost of living after graduating or entering the world of employment.

Parents and students from Year 9 can now create an account and explore The Pay Index

"It was really good and I found great salary expectations." Student who accessed The Pay Index from Manchester

"It was very interesting and helped me understand apprenticeships a lot more." Student who accessed The Pay Index from Staffordshire

Student sign-up instructions:

- Visit the website - <https://thepayindex.com/hotsw/signup>
- Complete the form to create an account
- Ideally use a personal (CV appropriate) email in order to continue to use The Pay Index after leaving school. If this is not possible a school email is absolutely fine.

Parent/Carer sign-up instruction:

- Visit the website - <https://thepayindex.com/hotsw/signup>
- Complete the form to create an account
- Select Teignmouth Community School, but in the year group option you need to select "Parent/Carer"

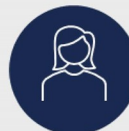
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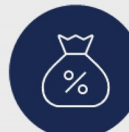
Understand and compare your options after leaving school



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An introduction to your potential take home salary



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Sign up now by visiting:
thepayindex.com/hotsw/signup



**Next Steps
South West**

Interested in a career in Teaching?



Train to Teach | Get Into Teaching

Thursday 7th October 2021 | 5.00pm to 7.00pm | West Exe School, Exeter

A free Train to Teach event providing the perfect opportunity to find out more about teacher training and receive advice from experts and training providers.

Come along and we will tell you everything you need to know about:

- Funding
- Different training courses
- How to submit a successful application
- How to get school experience
- Preparing for your training year
- What a career in teaching is really like

Programme

- 5.00pm | Welcome and keynote by Joe Bispham;
'Entering the best profession'
- 5.30pm | Workshop session 1
- 5.50pm | Meet the training providers
- 6.20pm | Workshop session 2
- 6.40pm | Meet the training providers
- 7.00pm | Finish

Workshops

1. Writing your application

Get tips on applying, including finding the right referees and writing a personal statement.

2. Student Finance England

Find out about the funding you could get for teacher training. You can get funding that you do not have to pay back if you train to teach certain subjects. You can also apply for a student loan to cover course fees and living costs.

3. Getting experience / observing lessons

School experience can help you decide whether teaching is right for you. Spending time in school allows you to:

- Observe a range of lessons and other teacher responsibilities
- Talk to Teachers
- Get an insight into day-to-day school life

4. Preparing for your training year

Hear from current trainees and from recently qualified teachers who will tell you all you need to know about preparing for a successful training year.

Meet the Training Providers

An opportunity to meet and chat to a range of Primary and Secondary Teacher Training Providers including Universities, School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT's) and School Direct, including:

- [Cornerstone Teaching School](#)
- [Dartmoor Training School Alliance](#)
- [Devon Primary SCITT](#)
- [Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance](#)
- [Jurassic Coast Teaching School Alliance](#)
- [Plymouth Marjon University](#)
- [Plymouth Teaching School Alliance](#)
- [South West Teacher Training](#)
- [Teach South West](#)
- [University of Exeter](#)
- [University of Plymouth](#)
- [Ventrus Teaching School Alliance](#)
- [West Country Training School Alliance](#)

To book:

On-line booking form here:

<https://forms.gle/DBsBbDQoEekVuYCV8>

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