## SHSB CAREERS NEWSLETTER



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# Nelcome to Careers

It has been great to be back this term, and be able to start thinking about all the different ways our students can be involved in their own careers education.

As well as Careers Lessons in the PSHE programme we look to offer students the chance to meet with employers and education providers throughout their time here, as well as ensuring that careers is embedded within our curriculum.

We have also introduced Unifrog, a complete destinations platform for whole school careers guidance Years 7-13.

# Gatsby Benchmarks

These eight benchmarks set out in the Gatsby Report act as a framework for improvement in careers provision and have been adopted as part of the Government's Careers Strategy and statutory guidance for schools and colleges. They form the basis of our Careers programme.

- A stable careers programme
  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
- Encounters with further and higher
- education

#### 8. Personal guidance

## MEET THE TEAM



Mr Charlie Foley

SLT Line Manager for Careers

Director of Key Stage 5



**Mrs Clare Hamilton** Careers Lead and

Post 18 Student Adviser



### Mrs Anna Murphy Level 6 qualified Careers Adviser

#### Highlight on:Benchmark <u>8 Personal Guidance</u>

"Every student should have opportunities for a guidance interview with a Careers Adviser"

Here at SHSB, all students will have a 1-2-1- careers guidance interview with Mrs Murphy, our Level 6 trained qualified adviser during year 10/11, and before decisions regarding Post 16 education have to be made.

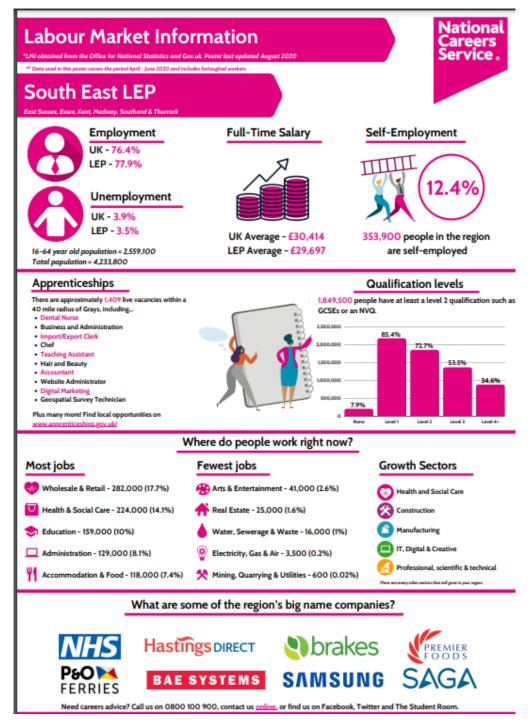
All students can request a meeting throughout their time with us.

Sixth form students can request a meeting with Mrs Murphy, and also have a dedicated Post 18 Student Adviser located in the 6th form centre

#### **CELEBRATION TIME** This year 165 students successfully gained a place at university, 6 gained an Oxbridge place,5 have gone on to

study medicine, 2 are training to be vets, 1 has left to study in America and 11 have gained apprenticeships with companies including JP Morgan, Ford, CGI, Ipeco, and Fidelity-Congratulations and good luck to them all!

# **Local Labour Market Information**



#### Year 11 Open Evenings

For Year 11 students who would like to consider alternative education providers, here is a list of some of our local schools and colleges open evenings:

Southend High School for Girls 3rd November 2021

Westcliff High School for Boys 11th November 2021

Westcliff High School for Girls 9th November 2021

SEEVIC 16th November 2021

South Essex College 18th November 2021

St Thomas Moore 9th November 2021

Greensward School 18th November 2021

And don't forget, you are welcome to come and visit the SHSB 6th Form Open Evening on 11th November

# unifrog

We are very excited to announce that in keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school, we will now be using Unifrog; an award-winning, online careers platform. All students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 will have access to this excellent website over the next few weeks

The Unifrog platform is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. Each student has their own personal account that provides a wide range of information related to their interests and aspirations. Key features of the platform include:

- Exploring Pathways personality quizzes, career and subject profiles, MOOCs and webinars
- Recording self-reflection about extracurricular activities and key employability skills
- Opportunities search tools showing live vacancies/courses/placements for apprenticeships, universities (in the UK and abroad), FE, virtual work experience and much more
- Applications tools to help students build applications for a range of pathways (e.g., CVs, Personal Statements, Common App Essays)

Years 13, 11 and 8 have already started using Unifrog, and feedback has been very positive!

#### Work Experience

SHSB have always encouraged students to seek and secure good quality work placements to enhance their knowledge of the work place and experience real life scenarios.

The on-set of the pandemic saw an abrupt halt to these opportunities, and students who required work experience as part of the university/employment applications suddenly found them selves without placements.

To encourage students to continue with participation in work placed schemes, we partnered with Springpod and Speakers for Schools, organisations who link students with employers who are able to offer both real life and virtual work experience opportunities.

I am delighted to tell you that we had a fantastic take up, and over 40 students last term took part in a huge variety of schemes.

Please see the links below for details:

https://www.springpod.com/

https://www.speakersforschools.org/

Thank you for taking the time to read through our first careers newsletter. If you have any questions, please do get in touch

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