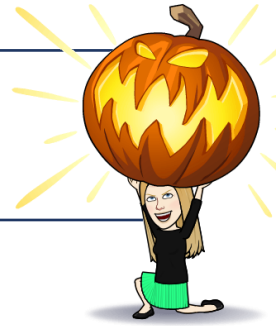




Welcome to the second half of the Autumn Term, I hope that you have had a good break and you are ready for the challenges that lie ahead over the next few weeks... For some of you this will be a time when you start to apply to Sixth Form or College, which is really exciting! You might find some useful tips in this issue to help you, along with some information about the employment market at the moment... I hope you find it interesting, enjoy!



Young People and the Impact of Covid: What has been happening? How might it impact you?



I have been reading a study by the London School of Economics and Exeter University who have looked at what has been happening to young people during the pandemic. You can read more information [here](#) if you are interested, but I have summarised a few points below:

- In the 16-25 age range, one in ten people has lost their job during the pandemic
- In the same age range, just under six in ten people have had a fall in their wages
- Younger people have been twice as likely to lose their job as older people
- Loss of earnings has been worse for women, those who are self-employed or have grown up in a home that has a lower income

The impact has also been felt in education, with students receiving very different levels of contact with school depending on area or type of school they go to.

But what might this mean for you?

Oakwood is doing everything it can to help to close the gaps in learning you may have as a result of lockdown. You can also start to think about how best to future-proof yourself as someone who will be entering the jobs market in a few years time. Use these questions to get yourself thinking about how *you* might do this...

What are your strengths?

What do the jobs of the future look like?

Do you have strengths that would relate to these areas?

How can you develop the skills such as adaptability and flexibility as the job market continues to change?

Knowing the world is changing can be scary, but you can also work on the skills that can help you cope. Get thinking!

What do you know about employment in this area?

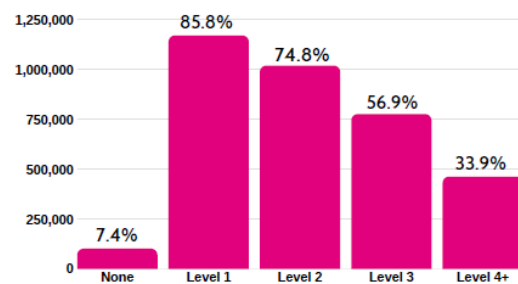
I have been looking at some LMI (local labour market information) which is information about employment in our local area (i.e. Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, as well as the Derby and Nottingham city areas). Why do you think it is important to know a bit about the area you live in? Have you considered how this might link to *your* choices as you get older?

Check out these facts:

- In this area, 75.5% of the working population is currently employed
- The UK average salary is £30,414 a yr. In this area it is £29,895 (Can you think why it might be lower?)
- Around 151,000 people in this area are self-employed
- Just over 1 million people in this area have qualifications that are at least level 2 (which is equivalent to GCSEs). Level 3 are qualifications such as A Levels, and level 4+ are related to Higher Education (such as degrees at university). Have a look at the graph below:

Qualification levels

1,018,800 people have at least a level 2 qualification such as GCSEs or an NVQ.



- Do you know who the big employers are in this area? I have included some below:

What do you know about them? Have you considered looking at what sorts of employment opportunities they might have for you as you get older?



Why not do some research and find out?!

Spotlight on Building Confidence: How?

Many of you worry about what the future will bring, and some of you feel that you are not confident enough to go out in the world and follow your own path.

So I decided to gather some advice around the idea of **building confidence**...Have a look at the selection I have put together below:

- **Tips to boost your confidence** - click [here](#) for a link to a Ted Talk on what confidence is and how you can boost it (from the #likeagirl campaign)
- **Advice from Young Minds UK** on how to 'Believe in Yourself', click [here](#) to read
- **BBC Bitesize Advice** on making decisions and building confidence as you get older, click [here](#) to view interview clips talking to a range of experts
- **Barclays Life Skills** - click [here](#) to see a range of tools and advice on how to be more confident. Check out George the Poet and 'Have you got the edge?' You could also sign up to look at other tools and resources that might help you too

I hope that you have had a look at the links and that it has made you think about how best you can build your own confidence and look forward with a positive mindset. The path ahead may not always be easy but you can do things to help yourself make the most of the opportunities that come your way, and we are all here to help support you along the way! You have got this!



Career Decisions: What is important to you?

There are many things that people think are important when making career decisions, and there are studies that have looked at this too. See below for ideas developed by a Psychologist called Schein - which do you think would matter to you when choosing a career? What couldn't you do without?



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Careers at Hall Park

I thought I would share with you what I have been up to and what I have planned for the upcoming term... I am trying my best to look at ways in which careers and employability skills can be weaved into what you are doing at school, even in amongst all the restrictions we have. Here's a quick summary:

- I have introduced myself to all Y11 forms
- I have started to interview year 11 students about their options for next year. I am also starting to email out information too, so year 11 check your inbox!
- I will be available to answer questions at the HPA Sixth Form Subject Fair
- I am hoping to get *all of you* looking more at the school webpage, have you seen the new tools on there for you to play around with? Click [here](#) to see! Check Twitter too!
- I am hoping to get more of you using Unifrog this term
- Y8 - we are also arranging some contact with Nottingham Trent University - watch this space!



“Fight for the things that you care about. But do it in a way that will lead others to join you.”

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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