

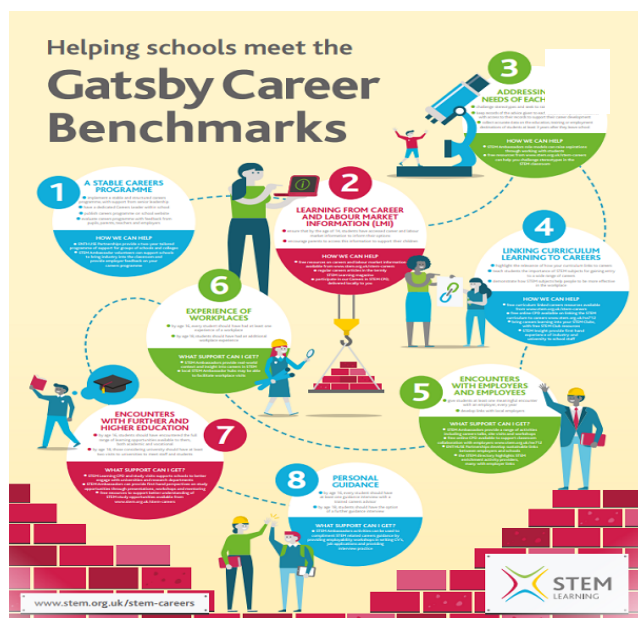


# Careers Newsletter

*'Thriving to achieve our best - together'*

Dear Parents/Carers/Staff and Pupils,

We are very proud to announce that after taking our termly Compass evaluation, we have once again improved our Gatsby Benchmark scores by securing 100% in five of the careers and enterprises categories. Although 'Covid' has caused a national drop in scores within the other three benchmarks, we are delighted to have excelled in the first five.



Presently, we are unable to embark on any visits or host any speakers however, we are hoping to resume normality, and fulfil our careers commitments, going ahead with our planned events in the spring term.

In the New Year, Bournemouth University will be joining us again to provide our Year 8s with a stimulating and innovative STEM and Robotics Workshop. These creative university students will also speak to the entire school about the careers

they are pursuing within STEM and other areas. This is always an enjoyable day for everyone.



Later in the year, Barclays will be hosting four Life Skills workshops run by the Talent Foundry and presented to our KS3 children. These workshops will cover various valuable life skills and equip our children in the journey towards a prosperous future. This Life Skills programme is bespoke for our school. The first visit will be *'Wellbeing Toolkit'* designed to help young people understand the importance of mental wellbeing, and how it can have an impact on their future success and career prospects. *'Meeting Challenges with confidence'* explores the feelings you might experience when facing and overcoming a challenge. It also looks at what we can learn from successfully tackling challenges in the context of the workplace. *'Recognising and building personal skills'* helps students to understand which skills are most sought after by employers and how they may need to adapt to these in different situations. *'Strategies for improving your skills'* focuses on helping young people to identify practical steps they can take to build their personal skills.

## Enterprise Advisor for Careers:

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Cam Kinvig as our new Enterprise Advisor to our Careers team:



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*(Cam Kinvig)*

Although the Covid-19 pandemic has been a real hindrance to many career plans for this academic year nationally, we shall endeavour to continue striving to develop all our learners life-skills and future possibilities, no matter how hard the circumstances. As a result of our commitment, our school's Careers programme is held in high regard in Dorset. Robert Firth, Enterprises Co-ordinator Children's Services in Dorset Council shared: *"I have been really encouraged by the progress in the WMMS careers programme during the last year, with the school's latest Compass evaluation clearly demonstrating this improvement. The new dedicated 'Careers' lessons are an exciting addition to the WMMS curriculum and I have been particularly impressed by the detailed planning that has gone into these lessons. I am sure the students will enjoy their Careers lessons and get a lot out of them."*

Mrs. Cope  
Careers and Enterprises Lead

