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Welcome to the 3rd edition of the WIN Newsletter!

Here are just some of the many activities and events that have taken place, over the past couple of months.

A lesson in the way to 'WIN'



Thanks to the WIN, Year 9 school children at Clarendon Academy were visited by elite motivational speaker Cameron Parker, last month.

The Year 9's packed into the lecture theatre to experience first-hand testament from a young man who has been to the edge and returned a reformed character. It was truly powerful stuff!

Ms. Tara Morrison Bielak Head of 6th Form, Social Sciences and CIEAG said *'Cameron's speech was really well-pitched. Students were engaged, and trusted him and his message. The hour was filled with laughter, reflection and a real sense of purpose. A huge thank you goes to the WIN team for making the event possible'*

The students were equally impressed, posting on Cameron's Facebook page – *'that was one of the best speeches ever, you must have had some courage to do what you do. I will make sure to help my grades get better, thanks a lot'* *'the speech you gave us really inspired me to change the way that I look at life'*

To find out more about Cameron Parker, go to his website at <http://cameron-parker.com/>

Wiltshire College HE Convention – 4th April

The WIN team are preparing for the annual Higher Education Convention, held at Wiltshire College on Thursday 4th April. This is a big team effort where over 50 exhibitors from Universities, apprenticeship providers and employers will be talking to students about their higher education opportunities. Students from all Wiltshire College campuses and 5 local sixth forms will be attending. There are talks about HE and staff training sessions running throughout the day. We look forward to seeing around 500 local students there.

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'What Career Live' event, NEC

Funded through and organised by the WIN programme, sixty Year 10 and 12 students from The John Bentley School had the opportunity to attend the 'What Career Live' exhibition at the NEC in Birmingham, in March.

They had a unique face-to-face experience with over 100 universities and businesses.

Students met university student ambassadors, course leaders and higher and degree level apprentices. They were able to discuss their career ideas and receive information to help them consider their future plans.

They all came home laden with prospectuses and with their minds buzzing from the great careers advice!

One student said they have learnt that *'it is important to work hard in higher education, as it leads to better opportunities'*. Others felt that they had broadened their horizons in the choices of university and college available to them. One parent said *'thank you for offering the students this fantastic opportunity!'*



West of England Mentoring Programme

Fifteen Year 10 John Bentley School students are currently half way through a 6 week mentoring programme with local furniture design and manufacturers, Herman Miller.



The business mentors are positive role models, who are supporting and advising the students, as they work through a number of activities. These activities encourage the students to set personal goals and work out their own plans for achieving them.

New WIN HE Adviser – Oli Stacey

Oli Stacey has recently joined the WIN team as the new Wiltshire College HE Adviser for the Chippenham/ Lackham area. Welcome to the team Oli!



The WIN team were all involved in organising and supporting a number of events and workshops across many institutions, as part of National Careers Week 2019.

For Wiltshire College and University Centre, the WIN staff worked with the Careers Team to focus on developing skills and confidence for

professional and university interviews and looking at wider career progression opportunities and plans.

With so much going on, NCW was extended either side, with three full weeks of events.

All the staff and external employers involved with the events have given positive feedback about the attitude and engagement of the students taking part.

'Scores on the doors'!

Since August 2018:

19.2% of WIN students are on a sustained and progressive programme

24.9 % of WIN students have engaged with at least one WIN activity

Careerpilot research study findings

A research study was recently carried out to evaluate the impact of Careerpilot sessions for WIN students. Here are just a few of the key findings:

'The sessions meet individual needs of WIN students and enabled them to feel better informed and more optimistic about future plans'

'WIN students would like help with choosing the right course, understanding what student life is like and financial support'

'The Careerpilot website impacts on young people's awareness of progression choices and routes to HE'

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