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Speed Network Employability

Digitech welcomed employers for a speed networking session for our Year 11 and Post 16 students. Representatives from local businesses including Amey, Mitre Printing, Juice Community Project, RPC and Marshfield Bakery interviewed students and then gave feedback in relation to their employability skills. The students rotated around employers and each had five 'speed interviews'.

This was a great opportunity for students to find out about a wide range of organisations and practice their answers to interview questions. As a result of today's session some of the students have been offered work experience placements.

Thank you very much to our employer volunteers for giving up their time to support our students.



We would encourage students in Year 10 and Year 11 to make use of our specialist spaces and teachers in the afterschool sessions. For Year 11 students this is particularly important.

Timetable of support sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Afterschool	Media Photography	Art ICT	CPD	Product Design Graphics	Computer Science

Digitech Pride

Students of the fortnight Y10: Nancy, Hollie, Latavia, Alex, Maddie, Abbie, Amy, Nathan and Taegan

Students of the fortnight Y11: Nicole, Andrew, Max, Hazel, Lucie, Matt, Josh, Owen, Amber, Zoe, Corey, Ben, Ellie and Regan

Tutor of the fortnight based on lesson scores and 100% attendance: 11Tu5 (Steve's tutor group) with an average score of 213.03 points

Attendance Prize Draw Winners: Albie R and Andrew B

Work Experience Opportunities for 14-19 Year Olds at **AIRBUS**

Airbus is offering a fantastic opportunity for students to gain work experience and help them stand out from the crowd.

Length: 4 days

Location: Filton

Ages: 14-19

How to apply

Email a CV and a covering letter to workexperience@airbus.com.

Include **Airbus WEX Broughton** or **Airbus WEX Filton** to the subject line.

Include preferred dates.

Applications open until:

- Friday 30 November 2018 for the February half term and Easter dates
- Friday 1 March 2019 for the Summer term dates
- Selection will be based on the application
- Successful applicants will be notified after the closing dates

2019 dates:

February Half Term:

18 – 21 February (Filton)

Easter:

8 April – 11 April (Filton only)

Summer Term Time:

17 June – 20 June (Filton)

1 July – 4 July (Filton)

15 July – 18 July (Filton)

CV Support

Students who need support with writing or updating their CV should contact Catrina – you can drop into the Coaching Centre on the first floor Monday-Wednesday or email catrina.holmes@digitechstudioschool.co.uk

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Opportunity for Post 16 Students - Pathway CTM

Pathway CTM is a careers training and mentoring online resource specifically targeted at Post 16 students.

Pathway CTM can link students with a wide range of high profile employers – once you register on their website you will receive invites to some great opportunities including company insight and skills days. You will also benefit from bespoke coaching calls and emails to support you to progress with your career aims.

For more information about the benefits of registering with Pathway CTM please see the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILH2oGxcqHo> . I have also attached a presentation which explains more about the programme.

To register for this fantastic resource, please go to <https://pathwayctm.com/> and click on the 'students register here' box at the top right of the page. When prompted for the password please enter **path18** – this will then take you to an online form to complete so that you will start receive information tailored to your interests and goals.



A big thank you to Chris Smith from Marshfield and Richard Gee from Rixxo



PARALEGAL APPRENTICESHIP 2019

After successfully recruiting legal apprentices for the last three years, we are now looking to recruit a further intake of legal apprentices to join us in **September 2019**.

The programme is suitable for students who are due to finish their A-Levels this academic year and initially lasts for two years, but offers the opportunity to continue on to qualify as a solicitor without going to university or completing the traditional training contract.

If you would like to find out more, please join us at our next apprenticeship open evening on **Thursday 8 November**.

Please contact **Sarah Morgan** if you have any questions.

Open Evening event

At One Glass Wharf, Bristol BS2 0ZX

Arrival from **6.30pm**

Presentation from **7pm**

Drinks and canapés following the presentation

Burges
Salmon

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APPLY NOW!

For more information about this adventures and life changing summer programme visit www.ncsyas.co.uk or call 01827 337237



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Digitex are working towards an award for being a Mental Health Awareness school. To launch Mental Health Awareness Day students in all year groups will have assemblies and Kooth will be coming in to launch this.

This will be shared with parents/carers and staff.

Look out for more information on this.

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West of England Careers Hub Press Release

The West of England Careers Hub is launched to improve the career opportunities for young people across the region

Schools and colleges are getting behind the new West of England Careers Hub to help improve career opportunities for young people and forge closer ties with businesses.

The Careers Hub will initially work with 25 schools and colleges from across Bristol, Bath & North East Somerset, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset. The schools and colleges will be supported to improve career opportunities and work experience for young people, allowing them to make more informed choices about their future careers. The Hub is managed by the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) and Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

The Careers Hub will offer targeted support to schools including up to £3,500 per year to use on opportunities to strengthen links with employers, access to a Hub Network Group which will build a community of good practice between schools, support from an Enterprise Co-ordinator and Enterprise Advisors; Careers Leader Training and Continuing Professional Development for wider teaching staff.

WECA secured £220,000 from The Careers & Enterprise Company to establish the new Careers Hub, which was launched on Thursday 20 September. Additional funds for the Hub have been provided by WECA, the LEP and Future Quest.

Tim Bowles, West of England Mayor, said: "I was honoured to launch the new Careers Hub and to meet the schools' and colleges' careers teams in order to learn more about how they plan to work with businesses to improve the opportunities open to young people in our region. It's clear to see the enthusiasm and determination from everyone involved to help achieve the best outcomes for our young people.

"We need the right skills for businesses now and into the future and we must encourage young people to realise their potential. The new Careers Hub will ensure young people have more opportunities to explore the world of work and meet potential future employers. Evidence shows that if a student has four or more opportunities to engage with an employer, they are more likely to secure employment, and earn more during their career."

Claudia Harris, Chief Executive of the Careers & Enterprise Company, said: "We're excited by the potential impact of the Hubs. If employers, schools and colleges can better prepare young people for the world of work, we're not just benefiting the future economy, but improving prospects for thousands of young people."

Chair of the West of England LEP, Prof Steve West, said: "The new Careers Hub will play a key role in the long-term success of our region's economy, building on the success of our existing Enterprise Advisor Network, and strong partnerships schools, colleges, and businesses to ensure young people get timely and relevant careers advice and meaningful work experience. This will help lead to improved employment opportunities for our region's businesses in the future."

Heidi Bell-West, Assistant Headteacher at Hayesfield Girls' School and Mixed Sixth Form, in Bath, said: "Our motto, 'Achieving Ambitions', is at the heart of all that we do at Hayesfield Girls' School and Mixed Sixth Form. Thus, we are delighted to be a Lead School in the West of England Careers Hub and we are looking forward to working with other schools to best improve the career provision for all students across the region.

"Under the guidance of the Careers Hub we will create a strong community of schools that will work closely with the Enterprise Coordinators and Advisers to achieve all 8 Gatsby Benchmarks. We will aim to provide life-changing opportunities to students in our local and regional communities by engaging local employers and opening up the world of employment to all young people in Bath and its surrounding areas."

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Joe Docherty, Principal at Oasis Academy Brightstowe, in Bristol, said: “We are very excited about being part of the Careers Hub as it is essential for developing student aspiration in our area of the city. Students who are focussed on their future and know the different opportunities available to them are much more likely to reach their full potential at school and then go on to greater things. The Careers Hub will help us to inspire a future generation and support our students on their journey into the working world.

“We know that the Gatsby Benchmarks are the standard of excellence for careers learning and experiences, and although Oasis Brightstowe already has strong provision across these areas, we are excited to get further support through the Careers Hub to make our offer even stronger. The Enterprise Advisor work, the Careers Leader Training, and the virtual wallets will all help ensure that not only will our pupils get the best provision we can provide, but that we can also support the other schools in our Oasis family to do the same for their pupils.”

James Wilmot, Director of Careers, Education, Advice and Guidance, at the Priory Learning Trust, North Somerset, said: “Any opportunity for schools to share best practice can only be a good thing. Enterprise Advisors can provide Career Practitioners and their students’ vital labour market information and insight into the world of work. The Careers Hub will provide Careers Practitioners with ongoing CPD and training. The Hub will be of particular benefit to schools without a dedicated Careers Advisor or are only recently creating a careers programme. For established Careers Advisors, the Hub will I hope provide a platform for further networking to help enhance their established careers programmes even further.”

Kim Garland, Headteacher of Brimsham Green School, South Gloucestershire, said, “We are very fortunate to be part of WECA’s Careers Hub, alongside 24 other schools and colleges. The Gatsby Benchmarks, the gold standard of Careers’ Education, are central to the work of the Hub. In particular Brimsham students will benefit from an increased number of ‘employer encounters’ and increased access to a diverse range of workplaces. Our assigned Enterprise Co-ordinator will play a big part in this, alongside providing high quality CPD to staff. We cannot wait to get started!”



(Centre) Tim Bowles, West of England Mayor, and Claudia Harris, Chief Executive of the Careers & Enterprise Company, surrounded by representatives of schools, colleges, the West of England Combined Authority and Local Enterprise Partnership involved in the Careers Hub.

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Key Dates Reminder

Term Dates for 2018-19

Term 1	Monday 3 September 2018 – Friday 26 October 2018
Term 2	Monday 5 November 2018 – Friday 21 December 2018
Term 3	Monday 7 January 2019 – Friday 15 February 2019
Term 4	Monday 25 February 2019 – Friday 5 April 2019
Term 5	Monday 23 April 2019 – Friday 24 May 2019
Term 6	Monday 3 June 2019 – Tuesday 23 July 2019

Inset Days

Thursday 25 October 2018 (CLF Inset Day)
Friday 26 October 2018
Monday 7 January 2019
Friday 5 April 2019
Friday 5 July 2019 (CLF Inset Day)

Parents' Evening

Thursday 4 October 2018 - Post 16
Thursday 6 December 2018 - Year 11
Thursday 10 January 2019 - Year 10
Thursday 28 March 2019 - Year 11
Thursday 25 April 2019 - Year 10
Thursday 2 May 2019 - Post 16

Open Evenings/Public Exhibitions of Work

Open Evening 4.30-6.30pm
Thursday 8 November 2018

Monday 28 January 2019
Thursday 4 July 2019

Public Exhibition of Work 4.30-6.30pm
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Spelling Tests

As part of Digitech's literacy policy, students will be completing spelling tests every week during tutor time. Below is the list of spellings which are made up of commonly misspelt words and key subject vocabulary. There is also a presentation on the school's website to share ideas to help students learn spellings.

Week 4
Believe
Calendar
Category
Changeable
Collectible
Week 5
Committed
Conscience
Conscientious
Conscious
Definitely
Week 6
Environment
Temperature
Thermometer
Algae
Alkali
Week 7
Photography
Annotation
Techniques
Materials
Manipulation
Week 8
Hypotenuse
Isosceles
Percentage
Reflection
Quadrilateral

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Upcoming Events

North Bristol (NHS) Trust Careers Event

Monday 12th November 2018, 17:30-20:00 at Southmead Hospital.

The evening will include

- Experts from a range of different fields
- Advice on career and education pathways at NBT
- Recruitment team giving advice on how to apply for job roles
- Hands-on experience and interactive activities
- Work experience and observation advice

Please see below poster for further information

Careers Open Evening

NHS
North Bristol
NHS Trust

Monday 12th November 2018
5.30pm-8pm
Learning and Research Building, Southmead Hospital

Are you thinking about a career in healthcare?
Do you want to be part of a leading acute NHS hospital?
Come and talk to our experts and find out more!

Joining us will give you excellent professional development opportunities and valuable experience with outstanding staff benefits. And it's not just healthcare; we offer over 250 different roles in the NHS, from porters to surgeons, nurses to accountants and plumbers to physiotherapists.

On the evening we will have:

- Experts from a range of different fields for you to talk to
- Advice on career and education pathways at NBT
- Recruitment team giving advice on how to apply for job roles
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- Work experience and observation advice

For further information about this event, please contact the Work Experience team:

0117 4149240
workexperience@nbt.nhs.uk



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Digitex Latest Tweets

 **Digitex School** @digitechscool · Sep 24
Yr10 creative media students getting involved with some filming this morning.



 **Digitex School** @digitechscool · Sep 21
Yr10 exploring aperture in photography.



 **Digitex School** @digitechscool · Sep 19
Thanks to @StBrendansSFC for coming in and discussing options for Post 16.



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