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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Easter School, Careers and Work-Related Learning Bulletin, Alumni – Future First, Platinum Jubilee, SEN Drop-in Clinic, NHS WaitLess App

Welcome to my penultimate update letter of the term. With five days left to go, our plans for full school assembly and final week celebrations are almost complete. It has been excellent to see trips running across the Academy and competitive sport continuing. Below you will find a few timely updates to support you as Easter approaches.

Year 11 Easter School

We intend to run some workshops by subject during the Easter break for students who could do with the support and intervention. This will be targeted and by invitation only - there is no expectation that the year group will attend en masse.

Students will receive their personalised timetables and intervention invitations today. Parent slips must be returned to guarantee a place.

Careers and Work-Related Learning Bulletin

Please find attached the latest edition published with this letter.

Alumni – Future First

We are delighted to inform you that our Academy is working with the education charity Future First to build a thriving alumni community. Amongst our former students are a whole host of talented role models who we want to connect with in order to celebrate their success and inspire our current students. Alumni can be brought back to offer careers and education advice, mentor students, provide work experience placements and much more besides.

Please help us reach out to our former students using your own networks. From doctors to dancers, pilots to plumbers, we need alumni from a range of careers to open our students' eyes to what is possible. If you are a former student or know of any who would like to stay in touch and give back to their old school, ask them to sign up at:

<https://www.futurefirsthub.org.uk/register/sir-robert-pattinson-academy>

During the week of 24 - 28 April 2023, we will be arranging a number of alumni events to support the official launch of our new platform in Schools' Alumni Week. More details will follow early in Term 5, so watch this space!

Platinum Jubilee

Our plans are almost ready to publish and will be shared with you next Friday with my end of term letter. We have a variety of things planned from exhibitions, history lessons and house competitions to alumni visits and a secret event in late June. I am really quite excited to share our full plans and hope we will be able to involve you in due course.

SEND Drop-in Clinic

This was incredibly successful on Wednesday, and I was delighted to see 28 families attend from KS3. We intend to run a Year 10 event during the next half term which will specifically focus on KS4 support and access arrangements for upcoming examinations. Mr Adlington will share further details in due course.

NHS WaitLess App

The NHS across Lincolnshire has introduced a smartphone app, which is designed to help people choose the least pressured urgent and emergency care services and to understand waiting times better.

The WaitLess app combines current waiting time, queue numbers and travel time at urgent care facilities in the county. This displayed information helps people make an informed decision about where to seek the fastest treatment for minor illness and injuries. Along with this, the app displays all available pharmacies in the area as an alternative treatment option. Please find attached to this newsletter a poster explaining the service.

As we prepare to celebrate our Platinum Jubilee and I reflect upon the success of our Academy, I am reminded strongly that we are, and should remain, a community asset. We always have, and must continue, to sit at the heart of North Hykeham to ensure that, in the present and the future, we are preparing generations of successful young people to serve our economy and to contribute to our society. With this in mind, I am reminded of the words of American public speaker and author, Brian Solis who said, "Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter".

Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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Sir Robert Pattinson Academy

Careers and Work-Related Learning

Term 4 Bulletin 2023

Welcome to the Term 4 Careers and Work-Related Learning Bulletin. As usual, we have been busy promoting careers and work-related learning throughout the Academy.

Year 12 Work Experience Week

75 of our Year 12 students successfully completed their work experience placements – from the University of Lincoln, to Duncan & Toplis. We would like to extend our thanks to the companies and organisations who looked after them for the week. It was a delight to visit students and see them in action! I hope that many of the providers will join us for our Careers Fair in July.

Below is a list of our fantastic employers who supported our programme.

Employer List
Hill Holt Wood & Greenhouse Hair Studio
Selmec
The Usher Art Gallery
Fosse Way Academy
Park View Veterinary Hospital
Appletree Corner Daycare & Pre School
Teledyne Lincoln Microwave
Bridge McFarland Solicitors
Ambitions Personnel
South Hykeham Community Primary School
Barclays
Rainbows Day Nursery
University of Lincoln
Mitch Fahey Plumber
Greenstock
Lindum Group Ltd
Lincolnshire Police
Bomber Building Solutions
Sills and Betteridge
Stanbridge Associates
Lincoln City FC
Sir Robert Pattinson Academy
International Bomber Command Centre
Lisa Hurst Dance
Ruddocks Integrated & Design Agency
Martin & Co.

Yellow Brick Road Day care
Lincoln County Hospital
Half way Home Dog Rescue
Inzpire
Branston Community Day Nursery
Park School Day Nursery
Swinderby Pre School Playgroup
Data Link Electronics Ltd
Heritage and Archaeological Research Practice
Cathedral Stationery
Manor Farm Academy
Cedar Park Healthcare
Walters Opticians
All Saints C of E Primary School
Sleaford and North Hykeham Constituency
Willow Court Care Home
Bishop King CE Primary School
Payroll Shared Services NHS
Duncan & Toplis

Thank you to the employers for hosting our students for the week!



Student feedback on their work experience placement

When asked what they enjoyed most about their work experience placement, some students replied as follows:

- I enjoyed being trusted to help in lessons.
- It gave me an understanding of the industry.
- Getting an insight into the working world and helping me decide whether that career path is for me.
- Building communication skills.
- Gaining more confidence in my language skills.
- Finding out more about what it would be like to be a teacher and gaining experience.
- Being able to learn about a possible future career and seeing what a normal working week would be like.

Photographs from the week:



Aspirations Clinics

Years 8 and 9 students have been attending Aspiration Clinics with Mrs Taylor, our external Careers Advisor. It has been great to hear the students discussing their future plans.



This week, as part of National Careers Week, we have had students who aspire towards a pathway and career in medical, veterinary and dentistry involved in the clinics. They have shown an excellent knowledge and we have sent them away to research further.

As ever, if your son/daughter would like to discuss their future career, please contact Mrs Mather for an appointment.

Aspiration Ambassador

I am pleased to welcome Milena from Year 12 to the careers team. Following her recent appointment as Aspirations Lead for SSLT, she will be undertaking some work with our younger students regarding their careers and aspirations for the future.

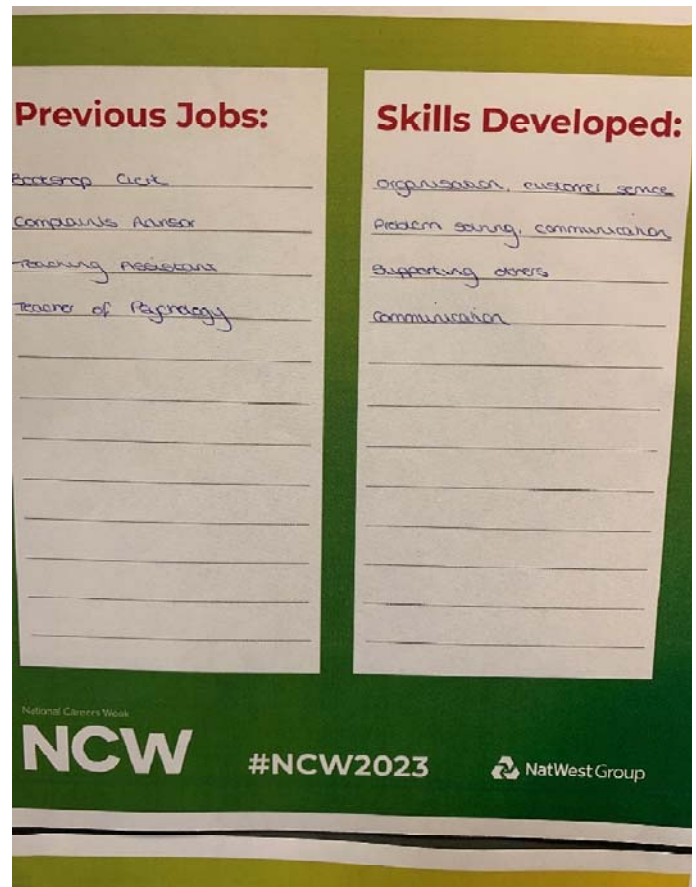
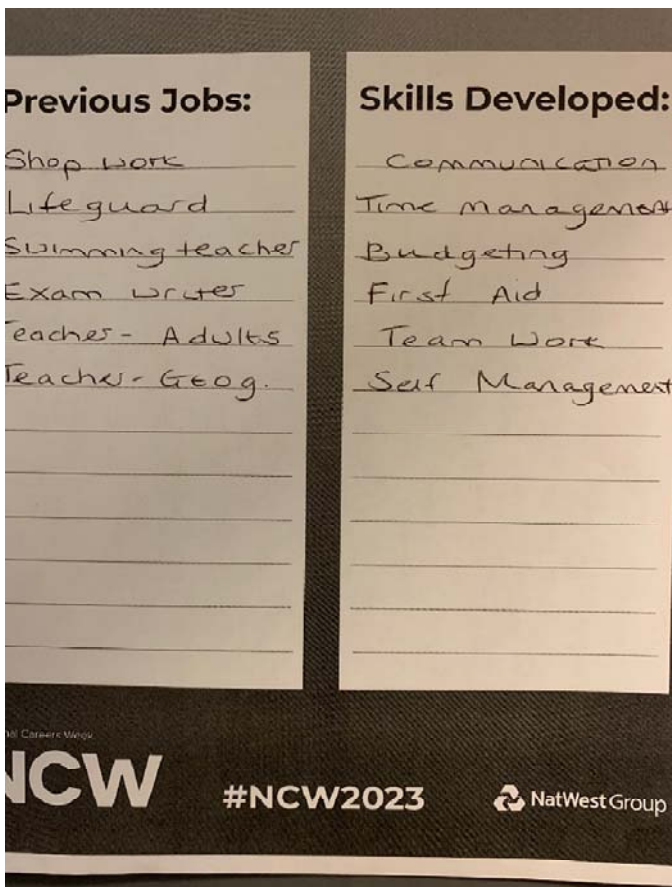
Milena: *'I am looking forward to working with the staff and students and to learning more about what the role involves.'*



National Careers Week

This week has been National Careers Week. Students from all years have participated in activities during R2L and Personal Development in addition to learning more about possible careers in the subjects they study.

Much conversation has been generated amongst students by the staff career path posters displayed on classroom doors. This has illustrated to students that their career is likely to have a variety of roles and that a varied skill set is essential.



Students will have the opportunity to meet with potential employers, universities and colleges at our careers fair in July.

If you are currently thinking about engineering or hairdressing as a future career, you will find lots of information in these guides from National Careers Week which have been updated for 2023:

<https://ncw2020.co.uk/booklets-guides/>

Women in Finance

This taster day aims to inspire, with a host of excellent individuals, including; university staff, external partners of the University, and employers of our graduates. We launched this project after data showed that some areas of financial services are dominated by a 95% male workforce.

Last year we welcomed the likes of Investec, HSBC and Aviva on to campus to talk about their collective experiences of being highly skilled professional females in the financial sector. There will be workshops, talks, and networking opportunities with female representatives from a variety of highly skilled professions within the financial sector.



7 July 2023 – 9:45 – 14:00

Book your place

Aspiring Medics Programme

This course is everything you need to gain your place at medical school. The perfect combination of hands-on work experience and application support.

Dates:

- 2 – 8 April
- 16 – 22 July
- 23 – 29 July
- 30 July – 5 August

What's included:

- 28 hours of award-winning medical work experience.
- Learn from experienced NHS Doctors.
- Advanced medical school entry preparation seminars.
- Experience a wide range of medical cases.
- Gain a head start by learning essential clinical skills.
- Central London location and student accommodation.
- Supervised 24/7 by medical projects staff.
- Breakfast, dinner and student socials included.



Monday, Day 1 – Frameworks, Respiratory & A&E

- Introductions and “what makes a good Doctor” seminar.
- Systematic patient history framework.
- Clinical observations and NEWS scores.
- Emergency assessment framework – ABCDE.
- Airways management in an emergency.
- Medical Simulations – Respiratory & A&E.
- “Life as a Doctor and career pathways” seminar.

Tuesday, Day 2 – Ethics, Respiratory, A&E, Cardiovascular & Neurology

- Medical simulations – Respiratory & A&E.
- Medical ethics seminar and debate.
- Introduction to medical school interviews.
- Medical simulations – Cardiovascular & Neurology.

Wednesday, Day 3 – Mock MMIs with Feedback

- Mock medical school interviews.
- Personalised 1-1 feedback.
- Personalised feedback sheets.
- Covering a range of stations including; role plays, ethics, breaking bad news, classics and interpretation etc.

Thursday, Day 4 – Insight, Clinical Skills, Orthopaedics, Endocrinology, Mental Health

- Work experience seminar.
- Medical simulations – Endocrinology.
- Medical Simulations – Orthopaedics.
- Medical Simulations – Mental Health.
- Clinical Skills – Venepuncture, Cannulation & Basic Life Support.

Friday, Day 5 – Virtual Reality in Medicine, Obstetrics, Trauma and Cardiac Arrests

- 4H’s and 4T’s of cardiac arrests seminar.
- Virtual reality in Medicine.
- High-fidelity obstetrics birthing manikin.
- Medical simulations – A&E & mental health.
- Medical simulations – Trauma case 1.
- Medical simulations – Trauma case 2.
- End of week summary and awards event.

Visit:

<https://educationprojects.co.uk/courses/uk-medical-work-experience-course/>

University Open Days

It is never too early to visit a university and have a look around. Please see the link below if you are interested in attending any of the open days this year. They usually require booking so it is advisable to book before travelling. Some universities do offer help with travel expenses if your family circumstances fit their criteria, this is usually detailed on their web sites:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/events-and-open-days>

NHS Lincolnshire

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study, and provide the opportunity to work alongside experienced staff, gaining job-specific skills, whilst earning a wage. An Apprenticeship may take between 1 and 5 years to complete, depending on the level and is available to anyone over the age of 16, living in England, and not in full-time education. Please see the link below to view the apprenticeship opportunities in the NHS in Lincolnshire:

<https://www.lincstalentacademy.org.uk/vacancies/>

Work experience placements provide an excellent opportunity for you to gain an insight into professions within the health and care sector. They can support your career choices, personal development, and help build your knowledge and skill sets. In the Sixth Form work experience placements may be arranged during enrichment time, in Years 7 - 11 the school holidays provide an excellent opportunity to gain further experience. However, there is great competition for the places via The Talent Academy so it is advisable to apply early.

<https://www.lincstalentacademy.org.uk/work-experience/>

There are more than 350 roles in health and care, with many of them being part of a wider team which work alongside medical and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the public.

Some roles give you direct contact with patients, while in others you are part of a vast support network vital to delivering healthcare and preventing ill health. Some jobs are in hospitals, others are based in the community. If you would like to find out more about the range of opportunities available, please see the link below.

<https://www.lincstalentacademy.org.uk/careers-information/>

[STEM & Medicine Summer Experiences: for ages 12-18](#) [In world-class hospitals and industry sites across London](#)



All STEM summer experiences:

- Architecture: complete design projects in a real studio
- Dentistry: drill teeth on phantom heads
- Engineering: take apart a supercar engine with F1 engineers
- Forensic Science: explore a simulated crime scene
- Investment Banking: trade the markets live in a London skyscraper
- Medicine: shadow doctors in a London teaching hospital
- Psychology: carry out patient consultations in a simulated clinic
- Software Engineering: create your own app from start to finish
- Veterinary Medicine: examine and diagnose real animals
- Video Game Design: design a game and pitch to industry leaders

Students who require accommodation will stay at UCL halls, with full meals and guardianship included. Our Summer Experiences qualify as a residential activity for Duke of Edinburgh Gold award purposes.

Links:

[View All: Ages 15-18](#)

[View All: Ages 12-14](#)

Springpod

Springpod offer a range of virtual and in person experiences to enable students to experience the world of work and university. All experiences must be applied for on an individual basis. If you are interested, please see the link below for the current opportunities.

<https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience/search?status=Open>

Unifrog

All students have access to Unifrog, an online platform which has lots of information about careers, apprenticeships and universities. This month, they are running a series of webinars looking at the difference in attending university in different settings. Webinars will cover attending a city/ rural/ selective/ campus or modern university. All webinars last 45 minutes and can be joined by signing up on the Unifrog page link below:

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/webinars>.

If your son/ daughter has forgotten their login they can either request to set a new password or ask Miss Brown in the Sixth Form Hub to help them reset their password.

Alumni

We are always keen to keep in touch with our students once they move onto their next steps. If you are interested in becoming a part of our alumni, please watch this space for details of an exciting new way to stay connected to Sir Robert Pattinson Academy! More details to follow shortly.

Parental Help

If you are able to offer any work experience placements or could spare some time to visit students to talk to them about your own career path, please do get in touch as we would be very grateful for your involvement and sharing of your knowledge and expertise in your field.



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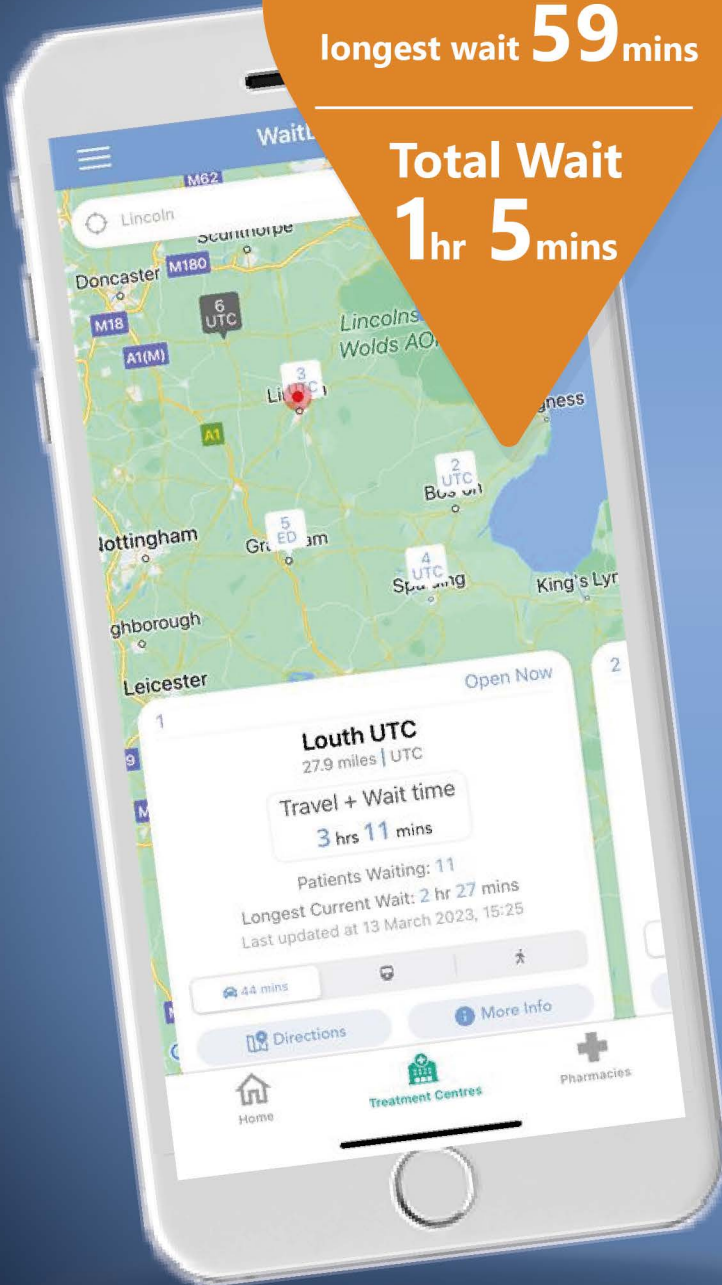


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when you need
urgent care**

16 mins travel
11 patients waiting

longest wait **59** mins

Total Wait
1 hr 5 mins



WaitLess

The WaitLess app combines travel, waiting and treatment times at all urgent care facilities across Lincolnshire, to give patients the most accurate picture of how long they may spend at each location, allowing them to decide on the most appropriate setting to attend.

Don't wait.
Download **WaitLess** now.

