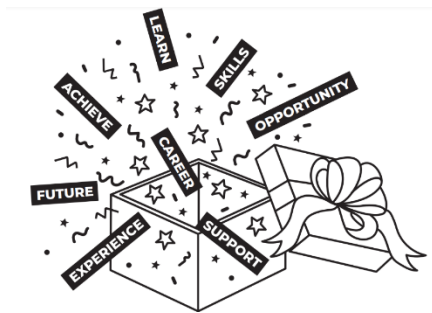


# FERNDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## CAREERS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2023



### Awards

Ferndown Middle School has been again recognised for its careers programme by the Dorset Careers Hub. We have been **HIGHLY COMMENDED** for our significant progress in the attainment of the Gatsby Benchmarks. Our successful careers programme was also recognised in the recent OFSTED report "Pupils in Year7 and 8 learn about careers and the labour market. Pupils are given the chance to meet with a wide range of employers. Careers education and experiences of the workplace are a strength of the school."

I would like to extend my thanks to businesses, employers and parents who have come into school and talked about their company or job. Without this support, these awards would not have been achieved. Going forward we need more businesses and employers to spend about 20 minutes talking to the KS3 pupils about future career options. Please contact the school, and ask for Mrs Baynham, if you can help with this.

### Xello

Ferndown Middle School uses software called Xello to help deliver our careers programme. This software enables students to work individually on any mobile device, whether in school or at home, to explore career options for the future. Both Year 7 and Year 8 have used Xello to evaluate individual personality and learning styles, interests and future aspirations. Xello has then suggested some suitable career matches. By clicking on the match, the student can find out more about the career and the requirements.

As parents, you too can access Xello. This could provide you with the chance to discuss future goals for your child. Please ask your child to give you a demonstration!

### Curriculum and Careers

This term the pupils will also learn about different careers in tutor time. Years 7 and 8 are looking at careers in travel and tourism. After Christmas, the focus will be on careers that relate to studying history and geography. If you can enhance our curriculum because you work in any of these areas, please contact me.

Mrs Baynham

Careers Leader