

# FERNDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## CAREERS NEWSLETTER SPRING 2021



The arrival of the spring term, also saw the reintroduction of lockdown. Naturally the coronavirus has continued to change the type of curriculum we can deliver at Ferndown Middle School. However Ferndown Middle School has been very fortunate to receive some funding towards careers education from the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership.

Ferndown Middle School decided to use this funding to purchase some software called Xello. 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. We would welcome feedback on Xello as it is a large financial investment for the school. Please ask your child to give you a demonstration!

After Easter careers work on Xello will continue. The students will also learn about careers in the NHS. With over 350 possible roles in the NHS, I am sure every student will find a job that interests them. If you want to see what is available go to this website.

<https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/careers>

Students will also learn what it means to become an apprentice. On the website there is a link to the Amazing Apprenticeship March 2021 pack. You may find there are some articles of interest about different careers. This may be a good option if the thought of university is not appealing.

We normally look forward to meeting employers and going on careers visits. This greatly enhances the careers education experience for the students at Ferndown Middle School. Sadly this does not look possible at the moment. However, if you are an employer who would be willing to talk to the pupils (via ZOOM or TEAMS) about your industry and the skills and attitudes employers are looking for in young people please contact Mrs Baynham (Careers Leader) for more information. We would love to hear from you.

Mrs Baynham, Careers Leader