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# SPOTLIGHT ON CAREERS

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Welcome to our Spring term newsletter  
This newsletter is put together in partnership  
with Gemma Nalder from CSW. Our focus this  
term is: Career in the spotlight: Nick Hill, The  
NAC Careers Fair, and our visit to the UCAS  
Show and Apprenticeship show.

## Careers Spotlight!



Nick grew up in Winchester where he attended Henry Beaufort School to study for his O Levels, before moving to Eastleigh College near Southampton to complete a BTEC in Business and Finance. During his time at both schools, Nick pursued

his passion for radio broadcasting, seeing him volunteer for BBC Radio Solent working on their youth programme. Nick's continued dedication to the station saw him perform a myriad of roles for the programme, including news story journalist, features presenter and DJ for the top forty countdown. Upon leaving Eastleigh College, Nick was given a full-time job at BBC Radio Solent as a Radio Producer. Once again, he assumed many roles, including Co-Producer for the Saturday sports programme, morning light entertainment show and the afternoon current affairs slot as well as a Presenter of travel news, the shipping forecast and the newspaper reviews section. He also presented his own Sunday afternoon sports and music programme.

Upon relocating to Devon, Nick left the world of radio. Following a two-year period of public sector work, he pursued a new career path altogether, completing an NVQ Level 3 qualification in Painting and Decorating. Joining a national construction company, Nick very quickly rose through the ranks, assuming the position of Foreman on large-scale projects and refurbishments.

After four years, Nick left his role as foreman to join

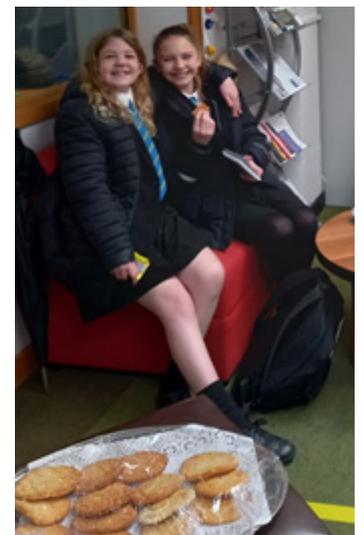
### FEATURING:

- Career Spotlight
- NCW Careers drop in
- Careers Fair
- Careers @ Sixth Form
- Year 10 Work Experience

the Valuations Office, reassessing properties for Council Tax banding in Hampshire, before becoming a Surveyor for Sanctuary Housing Association. It was in this role that Nick became heavily involved in property maintenance and management programmes. His various roles with Sanctuary Housing Association included National Contracts Coordinator and National Planned Maintenance Manager, where he was responsible for a team of over 150 employees based all across the country. His final role within the property industry saw him take up the position of National Consultancy Services Manager for Sanctuary Maintenance, which saw his skills developing services to sell to external clients to encourage profit making for company subsidiaries. After two years in this position, he left to join the University of Exeter as a Property Maintenance Contracts Manager before joining Newton Abbot College in March 2015. As Chief Financial Officer, Nick is responsible for all financial and support services in Estuaries Multi Academy Trust

## NCW Careers Drop-in

During National Careers Week held between 7th-11th March we held our Careers Drop-in session. All years could pop in for a chat, get to know us and find out what we do. Cookies were available and enjoyed by many of our students. Look out for our next event!



# Careers Fair!

Nick Hill organised a very successful Careers Fair back in February, which was well attended by students and parents/carers. Despite covid being ever prevalent! We had lots of interesting businesses, training providers, colleges and universities in attendance. We would like to thank everyone that visited, offered their time or helped organise the event in anyway. These events are crucial to help individuals become more informed about their options going forward.



**ATTENTION YEAR 10  
WORK EXPERIENCE!**

Just a reminder that the work experience deadline for finding a placement is just around the corner.

Year 10s have started preparing for mock interviews, recently completing a fictional job application and personal statement which will lead to a mock interview. More information to follow!!!

Take a look at our Student Padlet



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National Apprenticeship Week

Another popular event in our calendar held between 7th - 11th February. We posted information on our social media platforms throughout the week regarding apprenticeships.

# Careers @ Sixth Form



We have managed to go on two trips this term - one to the UCAS fair at Westpoint to find out about what universities around the country are currently offering. Two - for those looking at higher or degree apprenticeships we attended the

Apprenticeship Show at Sandy Park where we met with lots of local employers who regularly recruit apprentices.

Many companies now recruit apprentices and will fund their university course. Some will offer additional incentives such as covering accommodation fees, bonus payments and paying a healthy salary. Whilst visiting these exhibitions some stand out employers who offer degree apprenticeships included:-

- Dyson (who don't have tuition fees as they have their own in-house university)  
<https://www.dysoninstitute.com/the-career/the-apprenticeship/>
- Numatics (home of the henry hoover) who pay you, and the university fees and will consider accommodation costs.  
<https://numatic.co.uk/vacancies/>
- The Met Office  
The employers don't just offer engineering apprenticeships, they offer a broad range from business degrees to creative art degrees.  
<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/careers/apprentices-graduates-and-placements>

