

DYW Update

Parent Council meeting 19/09/23

Welcome back to a new school year.

DYW are continuing to pursue Work Experience opportunities. There has been a back log due to issues with staff and with work place suitability visits from Highland Council. I am assured that these are being resolved.

4 pupils are going to take part in a 3 day Army Work Experience event later this month. Our most recent WE sign up is BBM Solicitors in Wick.

Meet the employer sessions started on Wednesday 6/9/23, with the first session based around construction. These sessions will be short 40 minute sessions held at least once every fortnight. They will take place during lunch break and will be advertised on social media, Google Classroom and Registration announcements. BBM Solicitors are attending on 20/09/23 to give advice on a career in law. This will hopefully be followed up with a visit to Wick court to meet the people who work within the Scottish Legal System. I would appreciate feedback and suggestions on who to invite to take part.

DYW Introductions are being carried out with each year group, discussing who we are and what opportunities we can support. As a result of this, several pupils have engaged with DYW, asking for advice or help. This has enabled us to reach out to some unusual careers and potentially link the pupils up to mentors.

We are looking into the feasibility of developing training, similar to the workplace Mental Health First Aid course. This would be tailored to S5 and S6 pupils, potentially interested in a career in mental health or support. This training will give pupils an insight into the profession and give them the tools to identify issues with other pupils and to direct them toward help.

Parents can get information on DYW and their events through the DYW North Highland website and Facebook page. Again we would appreciate feedback and suggestions and of course offers from your own place of employment for meaningful and interactive school engagement.

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