26th February 2018

Dear Parents / Carers of Year 10 Pupils

Re: Worcestershire Skills Show, Chateau Impney, Droitwich, Wednesday 7th March 2018

We will be taking Year 10 to this year’s Worcestershire Skills Show at Chateau Impney, Droitwich on Wednesday 7th March 2018. This event forms part of our careers, advice and guidance programme and will help students as they begin to think about their post-16 options and choices.

At The Worcestershire Skills Show, pupils will be able to meet and discuss their futures with a wide range of local companies and colleges, for example in previous years:

- OGL Computers
- Harrison Clark
- Premier Inn
- Square Eye Television
- F8 Creates
- EDU Gaming
- Royal Navy
- Army Careers
- Fortis Living
- HIT Training
- Barclays
- Warwickshire College
- Speller Metcalfe
- Resource Group
- Worcester Cricket
- Magic Whiteboard
- Royal Air Force
- Qinetiq
- HMP Prison Service
- Police Force
- Nova Training
- Rotec
- Bosch
- Mazak
- Heartbeat Manufacturing
- Worcester Apprenticeships
- South Worcs College
- National Careers Service
- Kidderminster College
- Worcester 6th Form
- Worcester University
- Heart of Worcester College
- Young Enterprise
- 2 Counties Training
- Hewett Recruitment
- Chamber of Commerce
- Insights

Pupils will leave school at 12.15pm and return by 3.20pm in time for the buses home. There is no cost and full school uniform will be worn. However, pupils will need a packed lunch for the day as we leave Chantry before lunchtime.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Day
Head of Careers

Mrs S Blunt
Head of Year 10

Please return via Tutors to: Mr Day, Head of CPSE

Pupil name: ............................................................... Form: 10 .................

I acknowledge receipt of letter regarding The Worcestershire Skills Show on Wednesday 7th March 2018

Signed: ............................................................... Parent / Carer Date: .................
How to make the most of Worcestershire Skills Show

Worcestershire Skills Show is the perfect opportunity to discover your future career. Interact with Worcestershire’s largest employers; understand the career pathways available to you and to find out about the skills and qualifications that employers are really looking for.

What should you do at the Worcestershire Skills Show?

- Get stuck in and start talking to company representatives. This event is a fantastic opportunity to chat with employees from the companies that interest you.
- Be assertive, go up, give them a firm handshake and introduce yourself.
- Allow enough time to talk to all the companies you’re interested in. the event can be a busy place, so be aware that you might have to wait to speak to certain companies.
- Tell the employers what you know about them and what interests you about their company. The best thing you can do is show plenty of enthusiasm and interest in their organisation; enthusiasm gets you far!
- Ask questions! Employers love when you show a genuine interest in their organisation and this is the prime opportunity to get answers to all the questions you have ever wondered.
- Ask for a business card off them. Afterwards, jot down a few notes about the encounter so you can remember important details and any follow up instructions.
- Enjoy it! The Worcestershire Skills Show is designed to give you the opportunity to explore all of the pathways and careers available. So enjoy learning more about your options and keep an open mind! You may find yourself interested in a career you hadn't previously considered.

Not sure what questions to ask?
Don’t worry! Below is a handy list of example questions you can ask

- More about the company culture.
- About the level of training given to employees.
- About the size of the company.
- About opportunities for travel
- What they feel makes their company unique?
- What they enjoy about working in their particular industry?
- How many new employees do they recruit every year?
- What do they think makes a good candidate stand out?
- What are the characteristics of your most successful employees?
- What are the main skills they look for?
- What qualifications do they require?
- When does the recruitment process begin?
- Do they offer apprenticeships? What levels?