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CAREERS AND WORK-RELATED EXPERIENCES (CWRE)

Careers and Work-Related Experiences (CWRE) is a critical component of the Curriculum of Wales. To ensure that CWRE provision meets the needs of learners and includes opportunities to develop career management skills, it should also be well planned and outlined within a school or setting's policy.

The Five Aims of CWRE:

1. Exploring Self and Society
2. Widening Horizons
3. Overcoming Barriers
4. Exploring Opportunities
5. Developing Adaptability and Resilience



*Year 8 Destiny Days - Lilly Griffiths
June 2024*



*It's My Shout Productions Ltd
June 2024*



*Year 8 pupils working with Forces Fitness developing
Team Building Skills - March 2024*



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A Careers Game Show was organised for all Year 8 students, requiring them to determine the job roles of each panel member by asking a series of questions.

On the **20th of June** Year 8 experienced a fun-packed day of careers activities and workshops with external organisations exploring potential future progression and pathways in collaboration with Careers Wales and Alumni from Porthcawl Comprehensive School.



Year 8 pupils received a talk from Anne Hinchey the CEO of Wales and West Housing, discovering the wide range of job roles available across the company.



Year 8 pupils discussing potential careers in the Police Force.



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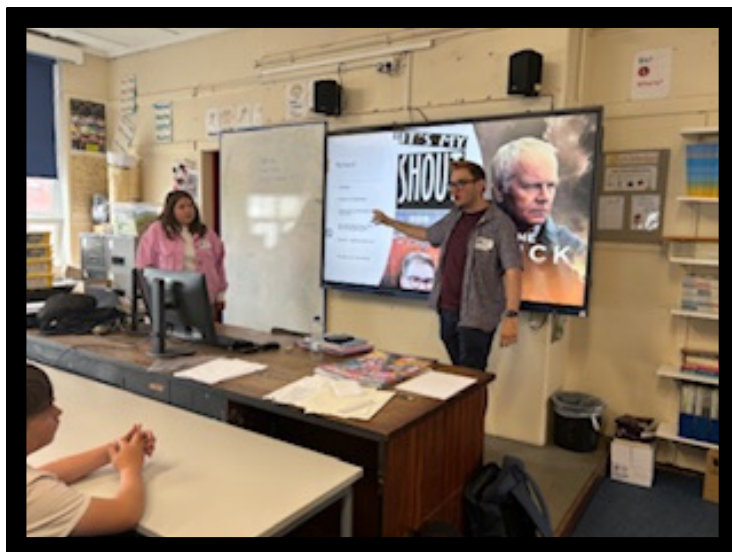
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Porthcawl Alumni Elli Rosser-Stanford and Richard Price delivered a presentation and workshop on career opportunities in the Creative Arts Industries

The rest of the day involved pupils receiving practical workshops and presentations from a wide range of providers. Pupils also had the opportunity to experience a Careers Fair where they were able to discuss potential careers in a wide range of professions and apprenticeships.



The day concluded with a brief talk from Mrs. Bennion, Post 16 Pathways Coordinator, about the Sixth Form at PCS and the University application process. Debz Silk (PCS Careers Advisor) also spoke to the year group about apprenticeships as another learning Pathway.

PCS would like to say a huge thank you to:

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Anne Hinchey, CEO Wales and West Housing
Claire Ashton

Alumni:

Elli Rosser-Stanford
Richard Price



Wynne Construction:

"The event went well, it was great to see the pupils get involved in a fun and engaging way. I hope the pupils found value in the experience and were inspired in their career pathway."



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Forces Fitness Year 7, 8 and 9

Throughout the year **Forces Fitness** have delivered team building sessions to Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils.

The sessions have focused on problem-solving activities to help encourage team work and develop resilience in our young people.

Pupils have also had the opportunity to discuss careers in the armed forces and the skills required.



Royal Navy in Year 9



PCS were delighted that the Royal Navy took time out to spend time with our KS3 pupils informing them of potential careers in the Royal Navy. The pupils also learnt about how the Royal Navy provides humanitarian aid and support following natural disasters. The Royal Navy also worked with Year 9 pupils on team-building skills through designing, building and launching rockets.



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CWRE - KS3 Creative Arts Provision



In June Year 7 & 8 pupils experienced an **'Acting for Film' Workshop** with **It's My Shout**. It's My Shout is an independent film production company, and training scheme, based in Wales, providing training for all ages interested in gaining experience. Before the practical workshop the pupils learnt about the wide range of various roles linked to film making. Pupils were engaged throughout and asked lots of questions!



PLAY WRITING WORKSHOP

In the summer term Year 7, 8 & 9 pupils participated in a playwriting workshop with Davina (Literary Manager) and Fran (Creative Engagement Manager) from the Sherman Theatre in Cardiff. The sessions involved tools to generate ideas and support with how to structure a piece.



Davina & Fran discussing their creative roles at the Sherman Theatre



Year 9 Pupils sharing their ideas for a play with the rest of the group



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MOCK INTERVIEWS



In the summer term, our Year 10 pupils successfully completed Mock Interviews in preparation for the 'world of work'. The pupils undertook 30-minute interviews on a range of questions that enabled them to reflect on their skills and personal qualities. The interviews were arranged by Hannah Stephen from Careers Wales and involved a number of local businesses and PCS alumni. It was over two days and the feedback from the external visitors was overwhelmingly positive. A huge well done to all involved.



Y GYMRAEG A'R DYFODOL - WELSH AND THE FUTURE



Year 10 attended an online careers event, to learn how useful Welsh is for a variety of careers. Pupils had the opportunity to listen to representatives from Dyfed Powys Police, Bute Energy, Marks and Spencers and The Fire Service as well as Owen who plays for the Gweilch (Ospreys), Tonya, an actress and Elin who is a video producer. All of the speakers valued learning Welsh in school and all use yr iaith Gymraeg in their current roles.



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SONY

Year 10 Engineering students visited Sony UK. Students had a tour of the manufacturing centre to see the broadcasting camera manufacture & raspberry pie microchip production using robotics. They were set real life problems to solve & gave presentations to Sony Engineers.



Other Career Opportunities



NHS Wales Finance discussing the range of financial careers available in the NHS



BCBC presented information on career opportunities in Health & Social Care.



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Destinations Week - Year 12

The **Year 12 Induction Week** was an exciting and informative event designed to prepare students for their future academic and career paths. Through various activities, presentations, and workshops, students gained valuable insights into higher education, apprenticeships, and career planning. The week featured sessions using key platforms like **UCAS and UNIFROG**, visits from universities, discussions on student finance and bursaries, as well as exploration of apprenticeships and gap year opportunities. Students also had the opportunity to learn about the conservatoire process and prepare for future admission testing. Finally our aspiring law students had an opportunity to participate in a Law Moot course organised by Cardiff University and Oxford University. This prestigious course provided an invaluable experience for the students, offering deep insights into the legal profession and honing essential skills through practical exercises.



UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service): Students were introduced to the UCAS application process, including how to research courses, complete personal statements, and manage application deadlines.

UNIFROG: This platform was highlighted for its comprehensive career and university search tools, which help students make informed decisions about their future. Students learned how to use UNIFROG to explore different career paths, university courses, and apprenticeship opportunities. This will also be the platform that teachers will use to provide each student with a reference.

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- Representatives from the University of South Wales (USW) and Swansea University visited to provide detailed insights into university life and financial planning.
- Students learned about different types of apprenticeships and the benefits of apprenticeships, such as gaining work experience while studying, earning a salary, and the potential for career advancement.
- Students also explored the option of taking a gap year and its potential benefits.



As part of their comprehensive preparation for future career opportunities, Year 12 students recently participated in a series of mock interviews. This invaluable exercise began with a training session conducted by Assistant Head Mr. R. Aldridge, which laid the groundwork for the students' success.



*U3A supporting the
Interview Process*



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