



YARROW HEIGHTS NEWS BITES

HSBC Workshop



Pupils in KK and SM groups engaged really well during an HSBC workshop on household budgeting. Pupils guessed the prices of real-life items and were surprised by some of the answers. They looked at why a budget is important and how to calculate how much someone has left out of a monthly income. This included looking at fixed household costs, variable living costs and non-essential costs.

The pupils were shown an example of a payslip and the key bits of information that should be included. Pupils learnt about the deductions taken for Income Tax and National Insurance etc. At the end, pupils commented that they'd learnt things they didn't know before! They volunteered suggestions of turning off lights and unplugging appliances as money saving tips!



The Lion King

After a conversation between staff and pupils, we are delighted to announce that we will be spending the next term and half practising for a summer performance of 'The Lion King'. Each pupil has the opportunity to audition for a part in this performance and all pupils who wish to be part of this show will be able to join in. Performance practice will be held during enrichment lessons. We can't wait to put on a spectacular show for you all. Hold the date for **Wednesday 12th July!**



Year 9 GCSE Choices

This year, along with GCSE courses in English, Maths and Science we have selected an exciting mixture of optional subjects for our year 9 pupils to choose from, in addition to their core subjects (double-award Science, Maths and English). Our options booklet which gives detail about each optional course, as well as about the core subject courses.

OPTION CHOICES

IT User Skills

PE

History

Psychology

Art & Design

Creative Media

Food Preparation and Nutrition



On Wednesday 8th February, our independent Careers Advisor Julia will be speaking to year 9 pupils about the careers that these options can lead into. The pupils will be given their booklets that day and will be able to bring them home. The booklets will be emailed to parents on the same day. On 22nd February, Julia will return to offer year 9 pupils and their parents an appointment to discuss options in relation to career pathways.

We are also inviting pupils and parents to an Options Evening on Thursday 23rd February, 4 -5:30pm. Teachers of core and optional subjects will be present to answer questions about the courses and support decision making.

After Options Evening, year 9 pupils will be invited to make their GCSE choices, listing their top four preferences. Our aim is to provide each pupil with their first two choices.

Optional subjects are taught in 4 x 45 minute lessons each week. These may be double or single lessons. They commence after Easter for year 9 pupils.



Get Inspired

Year 10 pupils were taken to a Get Inspired event in Portsmouth last week. They were able to talk to many employers from different companies to understand their roles within the organisation whom they work for.

Each pupil was able to speak to at least one company that they have considered as a career option and took away booklets and leaflets to read. They engaged with interactive tasks such as VR welding, robot coding and many more. They were also treated to some Krispy Kreme Doughnuts.



Chinese New Years

Last week we celebrated Chinese New Year. Pupils made Chinese lanterns in Art classes which were displayed in the Hub. The kitchen cooked a Chinese style lunch with some beautifully carved vegetables and salad items and each pupil was offered a fortune cookie and a red envelope containing a little gift.

