

Welcome to issue 8 of the Welling School Newsletter which will provide information on the careers related events that our students in year 7 - 11 are participating in.

This is a monthly newsletter and if you have any queries about the topics covered then please contact the Careers Lead, Jas Sanghera: jasminder.sanghera@wellingschool-tkat.org

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INAUGURAL WELLING CAREERS FAIR

In December we held our first ever Careers and Futures Evening at Welling School for our Students, Parents and Carers. The evening included organisations from the public sector, private sector, Further Education and Higher Education joining us for a great evening.

We would like to say a special thank you to the organisations that joined us for the evening including Amazon, Brewin Dolphin/Royal bank of Canada, Wilmoths Citroen Car Dealership, Marriott Hotel, Transport Logistics, Army, Navy, London Ambulance Service, Oxleas NHS, Shooters Hill College, LSEC College, North Kent Hadlow College, Bird College, Canterbury University, Greenwich University, Goldsmith University, Rose Burford University, Ravensbourne University.

The event was kicked off by the guest speaker Steve Dickman who is the TKAT Director of Finance and Operations. The message from Steve was that students need to follow a career path that allows them to enjoy what they want to do, but whatever the occupation, it is hard work both now and in the future that will lead to them being successful.

Students, Parents and Carers were given the opportunity of visiting the different workshops on offer in each room. The students certainly gained a lot of information and guidance on the career paths available to them. Below is the feedback from the Army who presented at the evening:

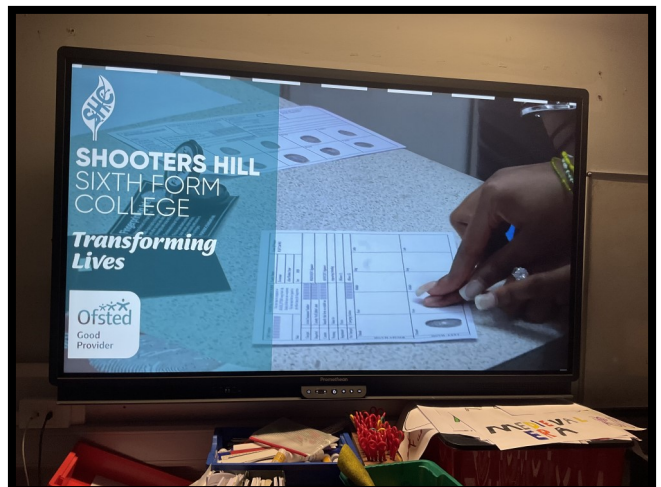
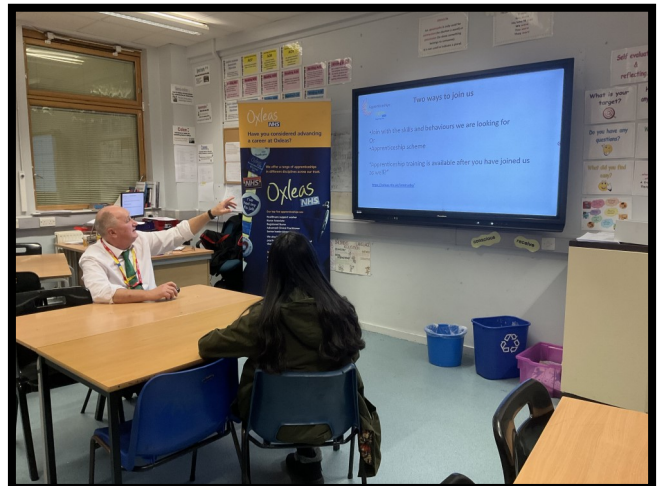
I just wanted to extend a thankyou for having us at your event. I have been to many events in my time in post and I just wanted to say that how your event was run was phenomenal , probably the best event I have attended this year. For future events I would genuinely not change a thing , my only point was to make the event even LONGER!!! Hope this feedback helps and I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!!

Kind regards,

CPI Aldridge



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JOB OF THE MONTH - FIREFIGHTER

What is a firefighter?

A firefighter is trained to combat and extinguish fires, as well as to respond to various emergency situations. Firefighters are typically employed by local or state government organizations, although some are also employed by private companies or organizations. In addition to fighting fires, firefighters are often involved in performing rescue operations, responding to hazardous material incidents, providing medical assistance, and educating the public on fire safety.



What does a firefighter do?

Firefighters have a wide range of duties and responsibilities that they must fulfil to protect lives and property. Here are some of the key duties and responsibilities of a firefighter:

Responding to Emergencies: Firefighters are the first responders to fires and other emergencies, and they must be ready to respond quickly and effectively to any situation. They must be able to assess the situation, determine the best course of action, and communicate with other emergency personnel to ensure that everyone is working together to address the emergency.

Fire Suppression: Firefighters are responsible for extinguishing fires and preventing their spread. They use a range of tools and techniques, such as hoses, extinguishers, and ventilation, to control and extinguish fires. They must also be able to navigate through smoke-filled buildings and rescue people who may be trapped inside.

Rescue Operations: Firefighters are often called upon to perform rescue operations, such as extracting people from burning buildings, vehicles, or other dangerous situations. They must be able to quickly and safely assess the situation and take the appropriate action to rescue those in danger.

Hazardous Materials Handling: Firefighters must be trained in handling hazardous materials, such as chemicals or biological agents, that may be present in emergency situations. They use protective gear and special equipment to safely manage and contain these materials.

Medical Assistance: Firefighters are often the first responders to medical emergencies, such as heart attacks, strokes, or accidents. They provide basic medical care and assistance until paramedics or other medical personnel arrive.

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Public Education: Firefighters are also responsible for educating the public on fire safety and prevention. They may conduct public workshops or visit schools to teach people about fire safety, evacuation procedures, and other important topics.

Equipment Maintenance: Firefighters are responsible for maintaining and testing firefighting equipment, such as hoses, pumps, and other tools. They must ensure that equipment is in good working order and ready to use in case of an emergency.



What hours do you work as a firefighter?

Firefighting's in favour of work-life balance. While you will need to work irregular shift patterns, you may find that it actually allows for more flexibility in your everyday life. This means there is lots of flexibility for additional employment or part time study.

The current shift system is based around 4 shifts (2 x 10.5 hour days and 2 x 13.5 hour nights) followed by 96 hours (four days) off duty.

- Shift 1: 09:30 – 20:00 (day)
- Shift 2: 09:30 – 20:00 (day)
- Shift 3: 20:00 – 09:30 (night)
- Shift 4: 20:00 – 09:30 (night)
- 4 days off duty

What are the different roles available and how much do they get paid?

As a Trainee apprentice you'll earn a salary of around £32,000 including London Weighting. Once fully qualified, which takes around 18 months, your salary will increase to £41,024.

Where do you work as a firefighter?

You will be based at a fire station and you can have a virtual tour of fire station by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLQt70RLeNg&t=6s>

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Role	Salary
Trainee apprentice (during 13 weeks training)	£32,280
Trainee apprentice at station	£33,571
Firefighter (Competent)	£43,076
Leading Firefighter	£47,010
Sub Officer	£49,171
Station Officer	£51,760
Station Commander	£56,000 approx.
Group Commander	£64,000 approx.

Firefighters also receive great benefits including a pension scheme, childcare support, interest-free loans, training opportunities and a flexible working arrangement.

What are the career opportunities

This is a career, not just a job, and you'll never be stuck doing the same thing day after day. Not only can you progress with promotion, but you can diversify your role and become a specialist within the organisation in the following areas:

- Urban Search and Rescue
- Fire Investigation
- Regulatory Fire Safety
- Tactical Advisor Rescue
- And many more specialities

To hear about what it is like to be a firefighter watch firefighter Izzy's story on the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z6n3mfr>