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Oriel High School Careers Final newsletter of 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the year, in helping your children engage with the careers activities that have taken place. I would especially like to thank those of you who worked with your student to prepare for the mock interviews, some of whom were outstanding, and helping to find them WEX.

Year 10

Work Experience

Good luck to students out on work placement next week, I hope they enjoy their time and realise the importance of what they are doing to their future. WEX is something that can be great if they really throw themselves into it, and something they remember for a lifetime.

It has been brought to my attention that there may be some spurious claims being made by some students who are not out on WEX next week, about whether they need to attend school. I can categorically confirm that they **are expected in school**, as normal, at the same times, and will be heading to timetabled lessons on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday- Friday, they will be involved in specific careers sessions. **Any absence without accompanying parental contact, will be treated as unauthorised.**

For students in school, I have attached a plan for the week, so that you can see what they are doing for the whole week. Classes for Wednesday- Friday will be confirmed next week.

For those students out on WEX, please ensure they complete their work journals during the week. It has lots of useful tasks to complete and can be a great filler between tasks, or in any down time on the job. I have attached another copy for you to this email.

10 and 12

Globalbridge

A reminder that students now have access to this platform and should be signing in to make the most of it. Those out on WEX have tasks to do in their journal to upload evidence..

Globalbridge is an app/cloud-based platform whereby students can upload evidence and build a profile of different skills and connect with careers pathways in the future.

Multimedia Learner Profiles: Students can build a secure, lifelong digital profile. Instead of just a standard CV, they can upload video content, examples of their work, digital badges, and evidence of extracurricular activities like sports, music, and volunteering.

Direct Career & Education Connections: The platform bridges the gap between the classroom and the real world by connecting students directly with top employers, universities, and apprenticeship providers. Students can discover opportunities, work on authentic industry projects, and explore different career paths.

Showcasing Soft Skills: It allows learners to evidence hard-to-measure traits like problem-solving, collaboration, and creativity, aligning their school achievements with future workplace requirements.

Take Ownership of the Future: By centralising their achievements and career goals, students are empowered to take control of their progression and stand out to universities and future employers.

Mock interview feedback year 10 and 12

The mock interviews have concluded for this year, and we saw a total 340 students provided for and 30+ company volunteers join us over two days to make them realistic and importantly, face to face. Many students gave fantastic interviews, and the feedback was brilliant from the employers, stating how prepared many were, and how they were better than people they had just interviewed! Indeed, some were so good, that they were offered jobs on the spot, for the future and over the summer holidays. I hope these students take up these incredible opportunities.

Many schools do not have face to face interviews and certainly not for two year groups, making our students very lucky. It is a real credit to families at home and the students themselves, just how prepared some were, so thank you for your support in ensuring the students realised the value of this activity.



I would like to wish you all an enjoyable summer break and look forward to working with year 11s in the autumn term, helping them prepare for their next steps.

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