



Selworthy Futures Newsletter

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Welcome to our Futures Newsletter!

It was a wonderfully busy term last year at school, filled with exciting learning experiences both in and out of the classroom. Our students have enjoyed a variety of trips, hands-on workshops and new opportunities to build their skills and confidence. We're delighted to share some of the fantastic highlights from this half term and update you on upcoming events and opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support - enjoy reading!

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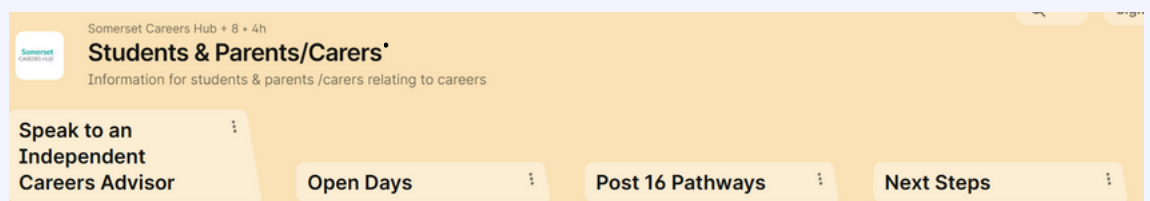
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Don't forget to head over to our Futures (Careers) website, where you'll find lots of useful information, resources and updates for learners, parents and carers.



Where to find more information...



Head over to the Somerset Careers Hub Padlet to find out more information about Post 16 open events and opportunities.

Selworthy Futures Events

Futures Digital Workshop Wednesday 28th January

Green Careers Fair - Monday 9th February

RSPCA Careers Programme 2nd Workshop - Monday 23rd February

Futures Week Monday 9th March - Friday 13th March

Futures Moving on up event - Monday 9th March (families welcome)

Futures WOW event - Friday 13th March (families welcome)

RSPCA Careers Programme 3rd Workshop - Monday 23rd March

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Motocross Workshop

Learners took part in an exciting motocross workshop on site, led by Gary from GSR MX Coaching. Gary brought his van to school, fully equipped with safety gear including helmets and gloves, along with both a petrol and an electric motorbike.

Learners were introduced to motorbike safety before having the opportunity to sit on the bikes, start them and rev the engines. Both groups thoroughly enjoyed the workshop, which provided a fantastic hands-on experience.



On Your Bike Workshops

We recently had the pleasure of hosting the first two “On Your Bike” workshops and they were a fantastic success! In the first session, learners from Exmouth class built three brand-new bikes from scratch, gaining brilliant hands-on mechanics work experience. The second workshop saw Saunton learners repairing and servicing our existing bikes - with tyre pumping and test rides proving to be a real highlight!

We’re already looking ahead to the next exciting step, where some of our Year 11 learners will take part in external work experience at Oakhill in January, supporting bike repairs and servicing.

We can’t wait!



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RSPCA Careers Programme

We were thrilled to take part in the RSPCA Careers Programme at West Hatch Wildlife Centre, with seven learners attending the first session at the start of December. The session introduced a range of career roles within the RSPCA, with a special focus on animal care and pets.

Learners enjoyed getting creative by making Christmas treat crackers for cats and dogs, along with pom-pom cat sticks. A real highlight of the visit was a very special sneak peek at some rescued baby seals, which made the experience even more memorable.

We are really looking forward to taking part in the next three sessions in the New Year!



Welding Workshop

Five learners had the exciting opportunity to attend a welding workshop in Bridgwater. During the visit, we met Kim, who spoke to us about his career as a welder and how he trained for the role. Learners also discussed what types of materials are welded and why some things such as aeroplanes are not.

We then had the chance to try out VR welding technology. Learners first practised using the screen on the handset, before stepping it up and wearing the VR welding helmet. This experience was very cool and exciting, while also proving to be a real challenge!



Work Experience Opportunities

Autumn Term was a busy and exciting one for work experience, with learners taking part in a wide range of practical, hands-on opportunities that help build confidence, employability skills and real-world experience.

Learners had the opportunity to support the Poppy Appeal, selling merchandise around the school. This experience helped develop service skills, teamwork, communication and an understanding of supporting charitable causes.



Selworthy Snacks was also extremely busy in Autumn term, providing refreshments at a variety of events. Learners supported catering and hospitality services at the Taunton College Parent Talk, Christmas WOW events and the Sing Along events. These opportunities allowed learners to practise food preparation, serving customers, handling money and working as part of a team in a real working environment.

Well done to all learners involved for their enthusiasm, professionalism and hard work. These experiences are a valuable step in preparing for future employment and developing workplace skills that will support their next steps.



Inspiring Futures: Can you help?

We are committed to helping our young people explore and prepare for the world of work. Nationally, adults with learning disabilities face significant barriers to employment, and we want to help change this - starting here in Somerset.

We are inviting families and members of our community to support our learners by offering insight into the world of work.

This could include workplace visits, short work experience opportunities, talks, demonstrations, workshops or virtual sessions.

If you are able to support in any way or know someone who can, please email Lara at futures@selworthy.oak.education

Your involvement can make a real difference in raising aspirations and creating meaningful opportunities for our young people.