

# Careers at BBA



Spring Term Newsletter 2023

**Welcome** to our Spring term Careers Newsletter. All careers related information, including destinations, useful websites and the yearly Careers plan can be found on the school website and the link can be found here [Careers Guidance \(bromleybeaconacademy-bromley.org.uk\)](https://www.bromleybeaconacademy-bromley.org.uk)

The 'Latest News' section of the website also features the various careers related experiences and workshops.

I hope you have a lovely Easter break, with the longer, warmer days and I look forward to working with you and your child next term.

Best wishes,

Michelle Graydon

Careers Leader, Bromley Beacon Academy



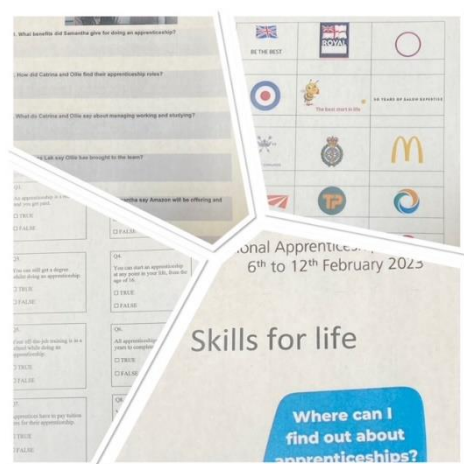
## It's time to WIZEUP!

The Sixth Form students had an amazing opportunity in January through the Jack Petchey Programme. We were able to invite Ash Shastry from WIZEUP into school to deliver a drop-down day all about Finances and how to survive after school. Students learnt how to set up a 'side hustle' and make some extra money, how to survive living with friends in a flat share and how to budget. As Sixth Form students are also approaching 18, there was also a brilliant session on how to use a credit card successfully. I think everyone in the room (including staff!) learnt some valuable lessons. The feedback was incredible; "huh, can't believe learning wasn't totally boring today" "I thought I was gonna leave at the first break and now look, I'm here to the end. Well done fella" "more interesting than I thought"



Michelle Graydon, Careers Leader added “Every session was made relevant to our learners and how the skills discussed would and could impact on their lives after they leave school”

## National Apprenticeship Week 6-10 February 2023



All Students worked through a booklet during tutor time to learn all about apprenticeships. From quizzes, to videos of real-life apprentices and a guess the logo of big apprenticeship employers, we all learnt a lot!

The Sixth Form students took a break from their Employability Skills lesson this week to enjoy a talk from Ian Jeeves from Avison Young about apprenticeships.

## Interview Skills Workshop



As part of their Employability Skills course, the Year 12 students had a visit from the DWP who ran an Interview Skills workshop. The students had to consider every part of the process from planning the journey to the actual interview itself. Next term they will be taking part on a Mock Interview so watch this space for more information.

# National Careers Week 6 -10 March 2023

National Careers Week runs from 6 – 10 March 2023 and at Bromley Beacon Academy we used this time to raise the aspirations of our learners. The week started with an audit of the future career dreams. Did you know we have potential Lawyers, therapists, scientists and paediatricians as well as music producers and fashion designers.



To make sure our Year 11 and Sixth Form students know about the various pathways and can make informed decisions about their future, we invited Sally Bateman from Bromley Mencap in to talk about Supported Internships. This is a programme that supports young people by providing a Job Coach to help them with the early days of a work placement and help the student to gain the confidence to move forward into paid employment independently.





Next, Debs Hatton, Careers Pathways Manager from LSEC Higher Education came into school to deliver a whole school assembly about the different routes into University. A lively Q & A followed the presentation with questions such as 'what qualifications do I need to get into university' and 'if I don't have those qualifications, can I still go to university' The answer of course is YES! You just take a different pathway, going back to college or completing an Access course. As Sir Jack Petchey says "If you think you can, you can"



## Year 10 Work Experience 26 – 30 June

The Year 10 students will be going out on Work Experience during the Summer term. Letters have gone out to Year 10 parent/carers in the ARD packs with an Own Placement form. Please ask friends and relatives to see if they are able to support a student for one week's work experience. This is a vital part of our Careers Programme to help our students prepare for adult life.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Michelle Graydon, Careers Leader.



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## BBAB Alumni



### Felice Abate-Dunn

#### **Q1 Did we prepare you for your next steps?**

**Q1 Answer** 100% The Barista qualification has helped me so much. A lot of businesses are crying out for qualified people. The school got me the educational standards I needed to gain employment.

#### **Q2 What do you miss about BBA?**

**Q2 Answer** I miss school as it was an escape from home. The teachers were right when they said “you have to work hard for your money” so get all the qualifications you can. I miss all the teachers and the things I did at school. I regret not focussing enough and not taking full advantage of the opportunities.

#### **Q3 What advice would you give a student at BBA?**

**Q3 Answer** My advice would be to take as much interest as you can in everything and get out as much as possible from school. Listen to the teachers and speakers that come into school. Despite all the skills and help from school, you will always need to fight and be persistent to get a job.

#### **Q4 Would you recommend Sixth Form?**

**Q4 Answer** 100%, go to Sixth Form. It was great and the best you can every get. Sixth Form prepares you for the next step and could help you get to university. I felt supported at school.

**UPDATE: Felice has just passed his exams and will be flying for easyJet soon!**

Student has provided consent