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Newsletter

Pentecost
2026



Welcome to our Pentecost newsletter

Welcome to our final newsletter of the academic year and we have a lot to celebrate. As part of our compliance with the Gatsby Benchmarks we must complete a review every year called Compass plus. We did well on this and have been told that we have the best results of all the schools in MK. We are regularly called upon to support other schools with WEX and their careers provision. Another highlight was being selected as one of only 30 schools in the country to complete a WEX evaluation for the Careers Enterprise Company (CEC).



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In Person Workouts With Worktree



As part of the Careers curriculum, Year 7 had a session in the library which focused on employability skills such as problem solving and speaking and listening. Then, in May, the whole year group had the opportunity to attend an In Person Workout session where they could use those employability skills to ask guests questions about their careers. As always, we emphasise to pupils how important networking is to gain valuable insights and knowledge about pathways into work. We also introduced a workplace scenario to discuss with a guest. Pupils had to use problem solving, teamwork, speaking and listening and self-management skills to try to solve a problem that could occur at work.



Moving forward we want to introduce our pupils to as many different career options and pathways available to them as possible. We have also realised that you, the parents, have a wealth of knowledge and information about the world of work and to work in a range of jobs. We would like to invite parents to be part of our In Person Workouts. All you would need do is give up a couple of hours of your time to come and talk to small groups of pupils about your job. There is no preparation needed! We are calling it 'From Classroom to Careers - what do grown-ups do all day?' If you are interested or would like more information, please contact us at careers@st-pauls.org.uk



Modern Work Experience (ModernWEX)

From next year all schools must deliver a Modern, Work Experience to pupils in Years 7 - 9. We have to offer the equivalent of one week of workplace experience over KS3 which, as you can imagine, is quite a challenge. Luckily our programmes and curriculum are designed to make pupils as workplace ready as we can and we develop their employability skills throughout their time at St Paul's.

This year we participated in a nationwide Modern WEX pilot scheme with SIA. Ten Year 8 pupils planned and organised a charity event, called Share a Pie for SCI and raised £127.60. The pupils involved said they improved their communication, teamwork and confidence skills. The highlight for them was creating an event from scratch and having a personalised job description which made it very realistic.

Other activities we offer are an Army Day, STEM X, and a visit to the MK Dons stadium, which included a tour, talks about jobs at the stadium (not just football) and an employability skills activity.



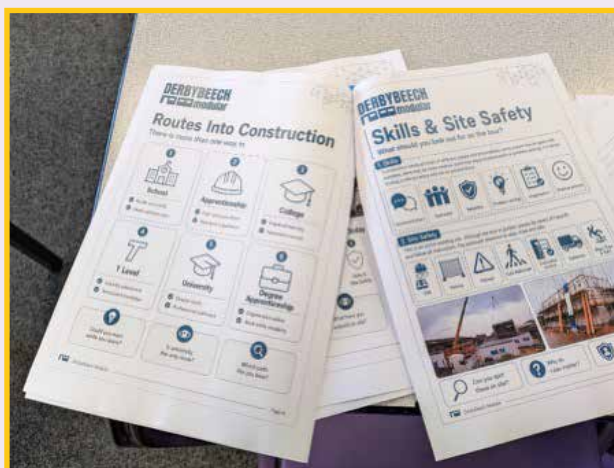
St Paul's Alumni

We are always delighted to welcome our Alumni back to school. We are so proud of all their achievements and that they are willing to share their experiences and knowledge with our pupils in a range of events. This year they have supported Careers talks, Apprenticeship events, at Person Workouts, WEX placements, workshops for WRLD and our Careers Fair. We are always keen to develop our network so if you would like to be involved, please email us on alumniandsupporters@st-pauls.org.uk



Construction Day

Our new Sixth Form block is currently being built so we were very excited when Luke Jackson, the project manager from DerbyBeech, offered to deliver workshops for pupils which included a tour of the site. Pupils from Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 were given a talk about different jobs and pathways in Construction and then got to have a look around the site and learned all about the building.





Unifrog



All parent accounts have been activated. You will receive an email 'noreply@unifrog.org'.



It is a perfect opportunity to explore the platform and see at first hand what your child is doing with careers.



Year 9 support sessions were held in June and after we explained the placement tool (where you enter a placement). The summer holidays are an excellent opportunity to secure a work experience placement. A summer booklet will be sent out at the end of the academic year to support you and your child with the process.



She Is A Good Thing Workshop



The Self-Esteem Workshop, delivered by She Is A Good Thing, provided students with an opportunity to explore what self-esteem is, how it influences the way we think about ourselves, and practical ways to develop a healthier self-image. Through interactive discussions, reflection activities, and real-life scenarios, students explored topics such as negative self-talk, comparison with others, and fear of failure. It was encouraging to see that the students had a willingness to participate, and consider practical steps they can take to build confidence and strengthen their self-esteem.



This was for a small group of Year 8 pupils and was led by Berka Kabangu one of our Alumni.



Work Related Learning Day



As always, we finish the year with WRLD. The whole school is off timetable, and each Year Group has a specific learning objective to develop their employability skills and knowledge of the world of work. For Year 7 the focus is on health and wellbeing, Year 8 have a STEM focus, Year 9 do a series of employability workshops to prepare them for WEX, Year 10 do a business challenge where they have to project manage and organise a campaign for a soap product and Year 12 have a series of career talks.



Apprenticeship Cohort

This was recently launched with Year 12 pupils. There were workshops and talks about interviews, how to use LinkedIn and how to track applications. A group of our Alumni, who are currently doing apprenticeships in different sectors, have also come into school to talk to the cohort.



Upcoming Events

- Support Sessions for Year 10 WEX
- Unifrog/Career session Year 8
- In person workouts Year 8 21st and 22nd October. If you are interested in participating in this event, please email careers@st-pauls.org.uk
- Careers Fair Years 11,12 and 13 Wednesday 3rd December 2026.

If you or your company would like to support any of our activities, please contact us at

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