

Wednesday 3 November 2021

Next Steps Conference

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to inform you that The Four Stones MAT Character Academy is delivering a Virtual *Next Steps* Conference, covering Higher Education, Apprenticeships and Careers, for all Year 12 students on Thursday 18 November, between 9am and 12pm.

The conference, which will be delivered virtually via Microsoft Teams, will feature a diverse and stimulating range of short presentations by Universities, the Department for Work and Pensions, senior teachers and professionals from Law, Creative Industries and IT. We shall also hear from a Year 13 student from each of our three partner schools, King Charles I, TDMS and Haybridge High, offering their peers relevant insights and the benefit of their experience.

The aim of the conference is to be a catalyst for ambition, goal-oriented mindsets and increased awareness of the routes into Higher Education, Apprenticeships and Careers.

All Year 12 students will be required to attend school on this day and will be supervised by staff at our schools throughout the conference. The programme overview is on the next page.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely



Elaine Shepperd

Students registered and settled for 9am start	Times
Mel Thomas, MAT- wide Deputy Head: Event Overview	09:00-09:05
Henry Lewis, Aimhigher, University of Worcester: <i>University Life</i>	09:05-09:20
Clare Gilkes, DWP: <i>Careers, CV's, What Employers are Looking For</i>	09:20-09:35
Victoria Zinzan, Trainee Solicitor, MFG Ltd Chair, Worcestershire Junior Lawyers Division: <i>Routes into Law, Aspirations for local students</i>	09:35-09:50
Jess, TDM Ltd: <i>IT Apprenticeships and entrepreneurship</i>	09:50-10:05
5-minute break	
Mel Thomas, MAT- wide Deputy Head: <i>The Super-Curriculum</i>	10:10-10:25
Iona Jones, Bath University: <i>Applying to a Russell Group Uni</i>	10:25-10:40
Michael Conroy Harris, Youth Mental health First Aid Trainer: <i>Taking Care of Yourself Wellbeing and Mental Health</i>	10:40-10:55
Felix Pepler, Principal, Birmingham Arts School & Hayley Pepler, Head of Content and Digital Broadcast, Coventry City of Culture Trust: <i>Careers in Creative Industries</i>	10:55-11:10
MAT Deputy Claire Watson: How to Revise	11:10-11:25
5-minute break	
KC1 Yr 13 student (FM) Speaking about their achievements in sport	11:30-11:35
HHS Yr 13 student (MA) Speaking about their UCAS application - tips	11:35-11:40
TDMS Yr13 student: Speaking about their community / volunteering / service	11:40-11:45
Mel Thomas, MAT- wide Deputy Head, Closing Words	11:45-11:50