

Creative Skills Building or Amazing Opportunities

Y10 Partnership Evening

What's in a CV ?

Well I am not going to go through what's on a CV...

Name... Age... Qualifications... are taken through elsewhere...

What I want to talk about is **WOW** experience – because it adds to qualifications...

And getting experience takes planning...



Getting Experience

Most students follow the usual route...
GCSEs... Clubs and Hobbies...

Likely Sixth Form... Maybe College...
Occasionally at 16 Apprenticeship...
University...

Our recent Year 11 saw...

50% go to Sixth Form...

46% go to College (or similar)...

4% go to work or apprenticeship (usually with family)...

THE SCHOOL MOTTO...

**“High achievement through challenge and support
for every learner.”**

A few years back OFSTED pressure on results
brought too much challenge...

Changes there and COVID mean we have now
veered sharply to support...

We have to work a balance... Our teens have to deal
with challenge but they also need support...

**How can we as teachers and parents structure that
to work ?**

The Life Experience



Our teens today can realistically expect 52 years of work - 18-70...



What is the rush ? Where is the fairy dust ?



Are their opportunities in life to grab experiences that help build us for later life ?

Can we as parents plan these in earlier ? Do we have the information to do this ?

How can we as parents help our children to live their lives to the maximum ?

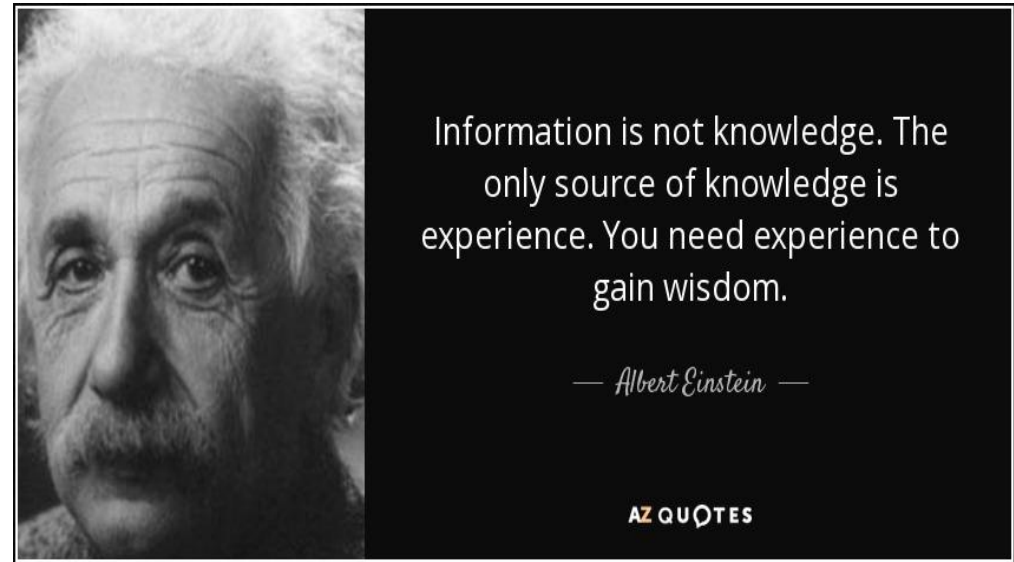


Knowledge is Power

So if we as parents know what options are out there can we plan for them...

Can we work around them to make them happen...

Because if they just land on us last minute we may now have the resources to do it at that time...



And if we can plan those experiences we can give our children wisdom...

School - Residential Field Trips

Y11 - French

Paris Trip - 4 days (£400 approx)

Y12/Y13 - Geography / Biology

Volcano Climbing in Italy (£750 approx)

Y12/Y13 - History/Sociology

Berlin & Auschwitz (£700 approx)



Mount Vesuvius, Italy

School - Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

We offer Bronze, Silver & Gold Schemes... (up to £200 approx for Silver)...

This involves leaning, community work, camping, etc...

Capacity is tough - and we don't do all of them each year...

And a Gold gets you an invite to Buckingham Palace and a better Personal Statement for UCAS...



Post-Year 11 - National Citizen Service

The National Citizen Service offer post-Y11 free one-week experiences after Y11 GCSEs...

It involves team-building, community service, residentials, free food, and more...

It looks great on CV, gives you an opportunity to operate independently, and introduces new ideas, experiences and skills...

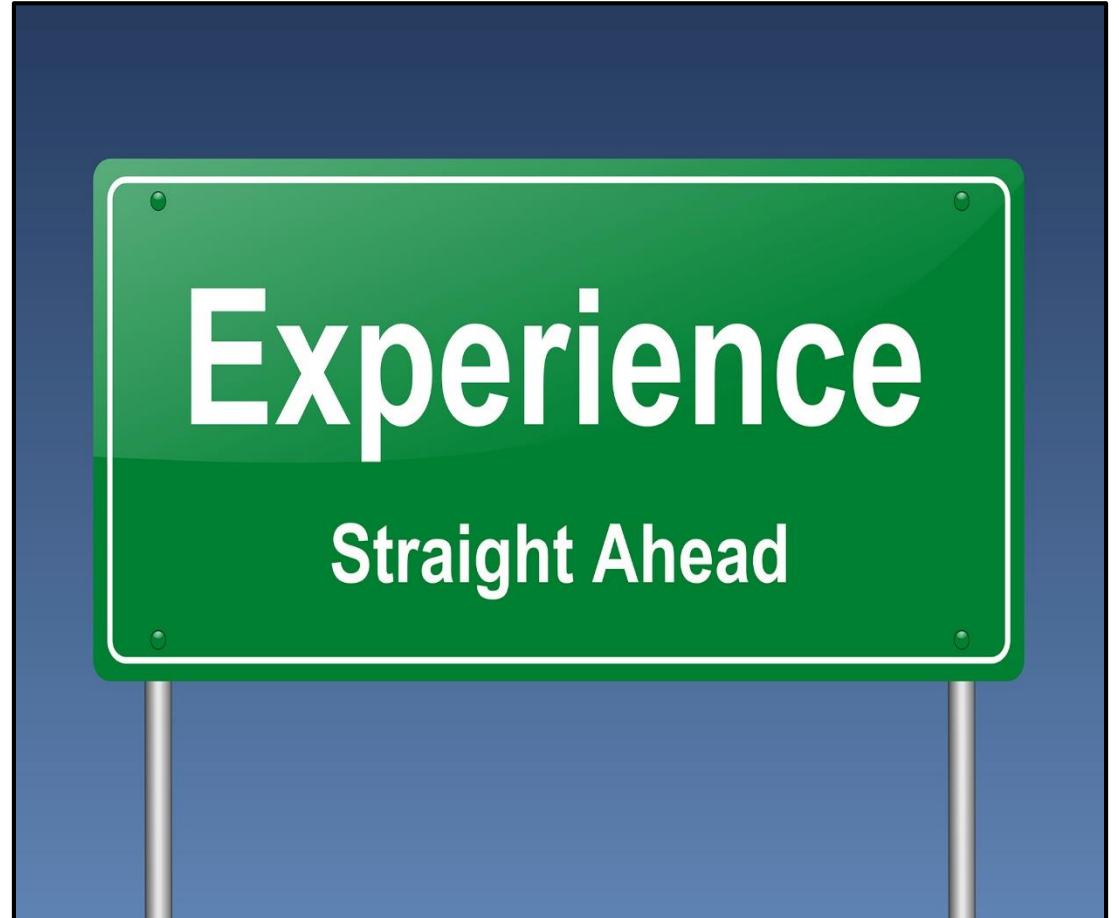


Sixth Form - Y12 Experience Week...

This is the last week of Year 12 and students arrange their own experiences outside of school...

It used to be Work Experience Week - and still can be - but it can take them elsewhere; Eg - university placement, overseas placement, fund-raising project, independent travelling, etc.

The only 'must' is that they must happen this week.



Sixth Form - University Summer Schools

Many universities offer week summer school placements a university tasters...

These can have a small cost... they can be free... But you have to apply...

Think too about scholarships and bursaries to get into certain universities...



Sixth Form - World Challenge

We work to offer at least bi-annual 2-week international experience...

It is an all in package - escorted - packed tour (£4,500 approx)..

Our World Challenge Tour of Summer 2022 took Friary students to Borneo for cultural and environmental experiences....

We can hear about it now...



Sixth Form - Projects Abroad

We have recently built up partnership with Projects Abroad...

They offer bespoke experiences which can be linked to interests, degrees and careers...

They range from Europe to South America (start from £1,000 approx) - our Friary students went to Kenya...

You need to get there yourself but you are picked up at the airport and are looked after all the time you are there...

It can include medicine, environmentalism, conservation, media, education, etc...

We can hear about it now...



Post-18 - Higher Apprenticeships

Higher apprenticeships come with secure jobs, superb training, and even degree-level qualifications...

They are usually post-18 - so after Sixth Form and roll out from September of Year 13...

These are much sought after and have a rigorous application process ...

There is support in school... BUT you need to get looking at what comes up a couple of years earlier to see what to look out for...

Getting relevant experience and prep for the interview process would be ideal...



Post-18 - University Sandwich Degrees

The university route is popular option - but it is worth opting for the sandwich degree...

This sees a 4 year programme - with 1 year in a work placement (usually Year 3)....

This means you enter the job market with a degree and experience - not just the former...

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INTELLECT AND
PASSION IN THEIR
OPERATION.**

John Ruskin

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Post-18 - University Overseas Placement

Similarly, many university degrees have built in overseas placements...

This might be one year studying in Europe...

We have one ex-student doing a wildlife photography degree who is off to South America and Africa this year...

There are lots of options - but you have to track them down and apply for them...



Post-18 - Gap Years

The 52 years of working life make some young people drop off the treadmill and take a gap year...

This can add to CVs and skills - providing you have it planned out... A wasted gap year does not look good...

We have a student from last year who got AAB and he is working now to spend 6 months traveling across the Far East before going to university next year..



Planning Experience...

This has been whistle-stop... It is just a taster..

Many of these opportunities will come up here and you have to ensure you child pounces...

Others rely on looking at it outside of school and planning ahead...

Our children - like us - have one life - so what can we do to make it as full as possible ?

