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Careers Manager:

I have the role of Careers Co-ordinator for Year 7 & 8 at St Peter's School. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require help or guidance with careers planning for your child or if you have any feedback about how we can offer further support with Careers, Education, Advice, Information and Guidance.

We also welcome parents who would like to contribute to our careers programme by offering insights into particular career paths and occupations.

I look forward to working alongside you to ensure your child is fully prepared to make the most of the opportunities available for their future career.

Next *Future Insights* bulletin for Parents and Carers will be published in Summer 2016



Welcome to the Spring edition of our Future Insights bulletin. Back in the last issue, I told you about the Real Game event that was to happen at the start of November. I am very pleased to report back that it was a very successful morning. Students enthusiastically took on their chosen career roles and then explored issues such as qualification routes, salaries, taxation and budgeting.



The Career for Me

Even in Year 8, students should be thinking about their own expectations when considering their future careers. As individuals, we will have different criteria as to what makes a good job.

Awareness of this is invaluable when it comes to weighing up career preferences. Building on the skills developed in the Real Game, please get your son or daughter to identify their top four values from the list below and to add their own idea in the blank box.

1	There are regular hours	
2	I can continue to live at home	
3	There is job security	
4	The work is mainly outdoors	
5	It involves training	
6	I can easily travel to work each day	
7	Some of my friends work there	
8	The pay is above average	
9	It involves working in small teams	
10	There is plenty of overtime	
11	It involves weekend work	
12	It involves handling money	
13	There are good promotion prospects	
14	There is time to pursue my own interests and social life	
15	The work involves a lot of travel	
16	The work involves shifts/unsociable hours	
17	I prefer to work with machines rather than people	
18	The most important thing is how much it pays	
19	There must be an outlet for my creative skills	
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We were very pleased to welcome Jimmy and Suzie from Jimmy's Iced Coffee for an extended assembly. Students heard his story of turning a career dream into the reality of an international business with a £1.2 million turnover. Jimmy was very impressed by the year group, remarking that the quality of questions was the best he had encountered.

It has been very encouraging to hear from so many Year 8 students as to how they have been inspired by the idea that anything is possible if they are prepared to work hard and follow their dream! Many of the students have already said that they want to be the Jimmy of the future!



This term all Year 8 students are revisiting the Fast Tomato careers website. Fast Tomato is one of the most popular online careers programmes for young people and has helped millions of students explore the many different career opportunities open to them. It is used by hundreds of schools nationwide and is an accurate, relevant and easy to use resource.

Fast Tomato

www.fasttomato.com

Register: First name

Last name

Registration code:

Log in details can be found adjacent on this page of the bulletin and I strongly encourage you to explore this valuable careers resource with your child, not just in Year 8 but throughout the coming years.



"I was not really sure about what sort of career I wanted, so I found it really helpful to think about what I was looking for in my future job. Fast Tomato gave me ideas I had never thought of before. It is very easy to use. I now feel very excited by the different careers that I might work in when I am older."

Maria, Year 8 student

Students are also encouraged to use **Advisor Online**. This is a service provided by **Ansbury** who are the principal providers of expert, independent careers guidance for young people in Dorset.



Advisor Online provides up-to-date and impartial careers advice to all students and their parents/carers. Students are able to have a chat with a qualified, local and independent adviser about their career aspirations and plans. This is an essential site to visit to get answers to questions about qualifications, skills, training pathways, Further and Higher Education and specific careers.



Why not give Fast Tomato or Advisor Online a try today? It's a great way to find out about different careers, assess interests, find out what qualifications can help and even what salary might be paid for a particular job.

Advisor Online

<http://advisoronline.ansbury.co.uk>

St Peter's School login is (all lower case, no gaps):

- Username:
- Password:

Live Web Chat with qualified Ansbury Careers Advisors:

- 12 - 2 and 4 - 6pm Monday to Thursday
- 12 - 2pm Friday

