

# Careers at BTA



Autumn Term Newsletter 2022

**Welcome** back to school and our Autumn term Careers Newsletter. This term is always packed with lots of activities and events for our Year 11 students. As well as working hard to achieve great exam results, they also have to start making plans for September 2023! But don't worry as I am here to guide your child through this process and will support them through year 11 and into their first term at college or sixth form. We don't forget about the younger students either as we have a weekly Careers Focus during Wednesday Tutor time.

For all careers related information, the yearly Careers plan is on the school website and the link can be found [here](#)

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

I hope you have a lovely Christmas and I look forward to working with you and your child next term.

Best wishes,

Michelle Graydon  
Careers Leader, Bromley Trust  
Academy



## VIP Tour of LSEC Bromley campus

In October, the Year 11 students had a VIP visit to the local college. As students have to start making plans for their Post 16 education, this trip forms part of our careers programme to inform students of the choices open to them. College is just one option. On this trip, students had a short careers talk from the college Careers Adviser followed by a tour of the vocational areas including carpentry, electrical, plumbing, brickwork and hair

and beauty. Another option for Post 16 is 'T Levels'. The Health & Social Care hospital ward is under construction, so we look forward to seeing that next time.



We checked out the brickwork



and the carpentry



We visited the hair and beauty salon



and the motor vehicle workshop



And we tried out the plumbing

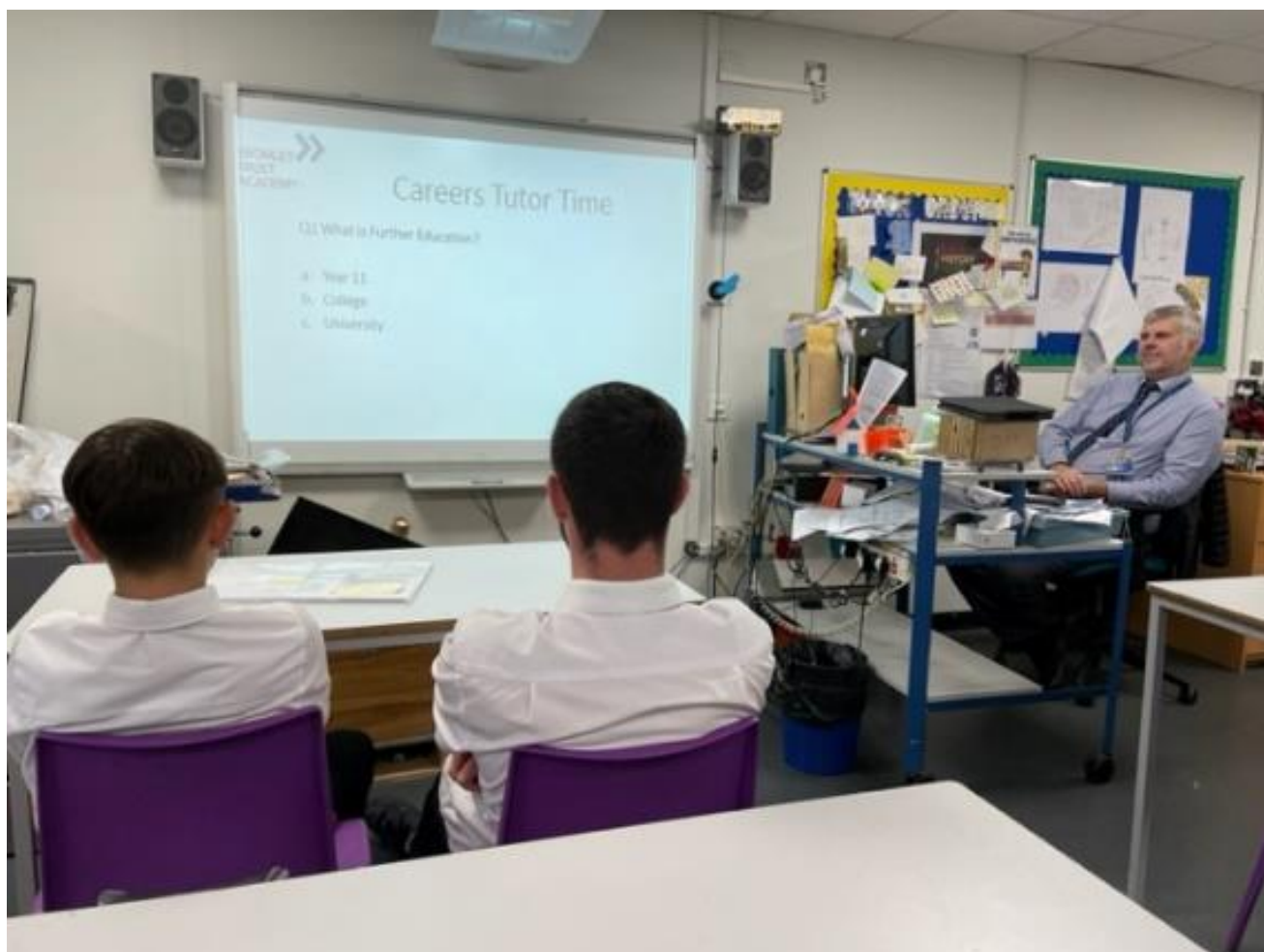


and the gym



# Careers Tutor Time

Every Tuesday morning, tutor time has a Careers focus. This way, all students in all Year groups have the opportunity to learn about the different pathways open to them. During the first half of the term, we looked at Post 16 options, including College, Sixth Forms, Apprenticeships and T Levels. This term students have been completing weekly tasks that will result in a CV.



# Skills London 2022

Skills London is the largest careers Fair in the UK and this year it was back on as an in-person event. You can see from the photo that someone was excited to go on a trip!





After arriving at the ExCel centre in London, students were free to roam around the event which had over 200 employers, college and universities in attendance. The careers fair saw over 35,000 visitors over the two days! Our students got stuck in and chatted to many exhibitors and took home lots of brochures and leaflets to look through. A selection of information from this event will be available to everyone on Academic Review day, so please come and visit the Careers table in the main hall.

## University of Greenwich

At Bromley Trust Academy, we have high aspirations for all our students. Dr Melanie Thorley was invited to come into school and talk to students about university life and the support they can get to help them achieve their goals. We want every student to believe if they want to go to university, there is a pathway for them!



# Bromley Trust Academy - Alumni



Kyle Bettell

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

**Q1 Answer** Yes, definitely. You helped me get into college on GCSE results day by calling the college with me. The school also helped me to write a CV and advice on how to look for a job.

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

**Q2 Answer** The teachers! The love was there. I felt so supported by everyone. At college, you do not get the same level of community. BTA was as far from a mainstream school as possible but the feeling of belonging was there.

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

**Q3 Answer** You've had your chances and this is your last chance to get your head down and gain qualifications. As an alternative provision school, you can get more qualifications at BTA than at a mainstream school, so take advantage!

## **Q4 Final thoughts?**

**Q4 Answer** I really wish I had picked BTA before trying a second mainstream school. I know I would have gained even better results. College is lovely and I am enjoying it. I'm living my life and the future is promising.

Student has provided consent

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