

Hello Caroline

As promised yesterday please find attached the powerpoint I used for the Pathways to Progression workshop which includes the alternative routes into Higher Education, Higher Apprenticeships and Gap Year programmes particularly for STEM students. I hope it is a useful resource for Moodle/VLE particularly for Year 13's.

You also asked if I would feedback some comments on the Careers Convention Day.

It was a delight and a privilege to attend NUASt's first Careers Convention on 24th November 2015, as a guidance practitioner with over 20 experience of working in schools and academies it was one of the most memorable...the students were engaged, attentive, full of questions and comments and showed great employability skills. They worked in teams and presented their work to the whole group, some students have already started investigating apprenticeships and colleges courses, Year 13's had applied to UCAS, they had a broad spectrum of knowledge that they were willing to share with the rest of the group - from internships and gap years, Phd's , traineeships and as one student put it 'the need to develop a professional network'.

Many students went off armed with some useful action points to assist their career planning such as going on Open Days and Taster Days at College, registration with the National Career Service, planning a CV, thinking of something positive to do in the Summer Holidays such as volunteer work. Some students are already more than 'job ready' as they are working part time. All were positive about the support moving onto further education and training and Aiming High!

It was fantastic to see prestigious companies such as Experian supporting the programme and the students rose to the challenges of the day..they are a credit to NUASt.

Best wishes again Caroline, I was lovely to meet you.

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