

Ready For Take Off

This past week in ISM, students at Reedy High School have been working on setting up their websites and finalising colour schemes. While these things are very important, we have been making other important first steps too.

Students have begun to conduct research in their field of interest to find information about their topic and to professionals to add to their contact lists. While the colour scheme and website were due this week, so were the career outlook assessments, question list, and the contact/correspondence logs.

The career outlook assessments were MLA style papers based on the findings of one's research in their field. Some of the things to consider were: expanded detail of job description, salary, what jobs are in a similar field, terminology one would need to know going into the field, and what does the future of this career path look like?

The question list was not terribly taxing. The task was to type questions one might ask a possible mentor in an interview. If we had any questions about the job, they could be asked in an interview.

The last thing on the list was the contact/correspondence log. This log is where one puts the names of the people they want to contact. They add a few extra columns in order to record when the professionals were contacted and how it went.

These assignments for the week (although they seem rather tedious at first) are actually quite insightful. Through extensive research on a topic, one can learn much about it to prepare to enter a professional sphere in a few weeks.