



Careers Overview

Curriculum Support

Specific careers lessons take place in each group.

Year 7: Students will complete careers modules as part of the 'Thoughtful Thursday' lessons. The modules will seek to enable students to recognise their strengths and enhance their social communication skills through a speed networking event where they discuss a variety of careers with local businesses.

Year 8: Careers lessons remain as part of the 'Thoughtful Thursday' programme and specifically look at ways of supporting students with their option choices by giving them ideas about how different subjects will be useful for different careers. Students will have access to a range of careers websites including 'Career Pilot'.

Year 9: Students will have another opportunity to meet employers through an additional speed networking event. This will enable them to build on the modules covered in the Thoughtful Thursday programme exploring education after school.

Year 10: Careers Ready. A number of opportunities to explore post-16 opportunities are provided to students through visits to local Colleges. In addition to this; the Thoughtful Thursday programme enables students to develop their CV, interview skills and application techniques in preparation for Year 11.

Year 11: Our focus for Year 11 students is to provide them with advice specific to their needs. All students will meet with an independent careers advisor at least once. They are also able to attend drop in sessions and workshops to help them with any queries that they may have.

Assemblies: We invite all local Colleges and apprenticeship providers to speak to the students during our assemblies. This effectively prepares students for the College application process.

Careers Evening: Testwood education, employment and careers evening. All students and parents are invited to meet representatives from colleges, universities, apprenticeship providers. They will also be invited to meet local business providers from a wide range of sectors in order to learn more about the educational expectations for careers paths.

Interview Preparation Day: In early November we invite local employers to help prepare the students for their College interviews through a mock interview. This helps to strengthen their confidence as well as refine their interview skills.

Further support

A careers library is available in the Learning Resource Centre where students can view copies of prospectuses from all local further education establishments. We also have a careers notice board located next to the careers office.

We have a careers advisor, Roma Gee, who is based in the careers office on a Monday and Wednesday. Roma will meet all students in Year 11 at least once and have 1-2-1 interviews with all of them. Drop in sessions to all students are available at break times when Roma is in school.

All students within the school will have access to the 'Careers Plot' careers programmes which can be used both inside and outside of school. This programme has key information about different career sectors, examination requirements for different careers and is easy to navigate around for information about all types of careers options and choices.

Useful Links

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk>

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/parents>

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/who-else/employment/careers-advice>

<https://www.careersadviceforparents.org/>

<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/careers-advice-for-parents/>