

Curriculum Support

Specific careers lessons take place in each group.

Year 7: Students will complete careers modules as part of the 'PSHE' lessons. The 'World of Work' modules will seek to enable students to recognise their strengths, skills and qualities. They will also have chance to 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 'PSHE' programme and specifically look at ways of supporting students with their 'Option choices and opportunities' 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 'Start careers'. They will look at choosing GCSE's and employability skills.

Year 9: 'Developing yourself for the future' 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 PSHE whilst looking at exploring industries/ careers; An introduction into apprenticeships and 'life as an apprentice'.

Year 10: 'Career experiences and opportunities.' A number of opportunities to explore post-16 opportunities are provided to students through visits to local Colleges. In addition to this; the PSHE programme enables students to look at 'Making Post-16 choices', apprenticeships, and work preparation to develop their CV, interview skills and application techniques in preparation for Year 11.

Year 11: 'Preparations for your future'. 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 School education, employment and careers evening. All students and parents are invited to meet representatives from colleges, universities, various careers and 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.

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 several careers notice boards located around the school.

We have a careers adviser, Grace Wiley (EBP South careers), who is based in the careers office on a Wednesday and Thursday. Ian will meet all students in Year 11 at least once and have 1-to-1 interviews with all of them. We also provide early-intervention careers advice for pupils from Year 8 onwards when required and during Mock Exam periods.

All students within the school will have access to the 'START online' careers programme 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.