

Curriculum Support 2025-26

Specific careers lessons take place in each year 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 look into industries and jobs. They will also have chance to enhance their social communication skills through a speed networking event during the year where they discuss with local businesses about their industry and career.

Year 8: 'Developing yourself for the future' Students will have another opportunity to meet employers through a Year 8 speed networking event. This will enable them to build on the modules covered in PSHE whilst looking at exploring industries/ careers; developing personal qualities, exploring industries and jobs, employability skills and creating your career path.

Year 9: 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 'Xello careers'. They will look at choosing GCSE's, job interests, goals and employability skills.

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', work experience, 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 adviser at least once. During PSHE they will focus in on writing effective applications and CV's, personal statements as well as interview questions preparation and mock interviews.

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

Careers Fair and Information Evening – Testwood School education, employment and careers evening. All Year 10 and Year 11 students and parents are invited to meet representatives from colleges, 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.

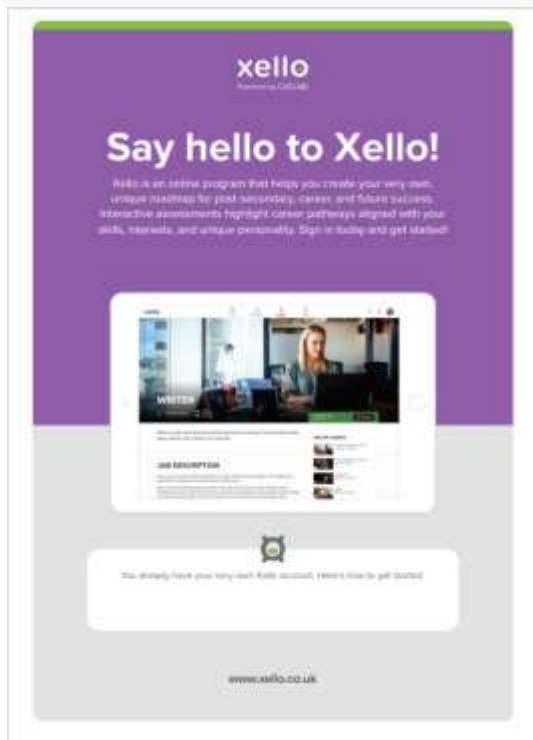
Testwood School Business Networking Events: These events are scheduled throughout the year for Years 7-10. Each year group event will meet up-to 12 businesses / employers who will spend time talking to tables of 8 students about their career, industry and apprenticeship options. The speed networking event enables pupils to rotate to 5 tables per session and find out about 5 jobs per session.

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 Advice Service) who is based in the careers office-family room on a Wednesday and some Thursdays. Grace will meet all students in Year 11 at least once and have 1-to-1 interviews with all of them. Some Year 10's will also receive an early intervention meeting for support.

All students within the school will have access to the 'Xello 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.



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>

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