



ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL CAREERS BULLETIN

YEAR 9

WELCOME

Welcome to the Year 9 Spring edition of the Future Choices newsletter. We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas holiday. The aim of the Future Choices newsletter is to keep you informed about careers education at St Edward's School, and also other issues related to employability. We would like to encourage parents and carers to talk with their children about the world of work and the endless opportunities open to them. Actively exploring their ideas helps to develop students' self-awareness and encourages them to appreciate the relevance of why it is important.

OPTIONS AND CAREERS

It seems like only yesterday that this year group arrived at St Edward's for the first time. Now they have completed Years 7 and 8, and are making rapid progress through Year 9. With this in mind attention will soon turn to planning for the immediate future and thinking about Key Stage Four. This will mean beginning to consider and make their GCSE options choices. As we move through the Spring Term there will be lots of advice and support that will be given to the students and parents and carers about these options.

There are many factors which will play a part in making these important decisions. One element is that all students should begin to think about what future career they might want to pursue as this will narrow down the options, and also influence the choices that they make.

To further help support students through this process we will be offering every Year Nine student a careers appointment with our careers advisor Aaron Rigby, where they can talk about the choices that they are making and their future plans.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Before meeting Aaron, our careers advisor, it will help if students have some specific questions prepared in order to guide the conversation. Of course, a school careers advisor can give general information about how to find a career, but the more specific a student can be, the more practical advice your advisor will be able to give you. The questions could be as general, such as:

What are the best careers websites to explore?



What do I need on my CV?

How do I write a covering letter?

They could also be specific and relate to the kinds of careers that the student is interested in following. These could be questions like:

What qualifications do I need to become a doctor?

What's the average teaching salary?

If a student has considered their skills and interests and are thinking about pursuing a career as an engineer, they could ask Aaron about engineering firms who might offer work experience in the local area, what they can do now to give themselves an advantage when you come to apply for jobs, and talk through whether university or an apprenticeship is the best option for you.

LOCAL LABOUR MARKET

Below is an outline of the local labour market information for the South West region. This gives students and their families a clear outline of what is going on across the job and employment market across the south west region. Looking at information like this can be valuable for students as they begin to plot their own future careers.



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