



ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL

FUTURE CHOICES

BULLETIN

YEAR 11

WELCOME

Welcome to the Year 11 Autumn edition of the Future Choices bulletin. The aim of the Future Choices bulletin 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.

CAREERS INTERVIEWS

During the past academic year, students have either had a face to face or a telephone careers interview with Mr Rigby. Any student who has not yet been able to speak to Mr Rigby will be seen this term, but if a student does require a further appointment with him, please speak to Mrs Eastwood to book this in.

JARGON BUSTERS: POST 16 OPTIONS

It's always worth looking ahead, as decisions that the students make now may narrow their choices later. If they aspire to a particular course they should find out where it's likely to lead in future. If they have a career or university course in mind then they need to work out what do they need to do now to be on the right path. Thinking about the future now could make life easier further down the line. So what could be next? The main choices are:

A Levels: Advanced level qualifications (known as A levels) are subject-based qualifications that can lead to university, further study, training, or work. You can normally study three or more A levels over two years. They're usually assessed by a series of examinations.

Vocational Qualifications: Level 3 vocational qualifications usually take around two years to complete, the same as with A-levels, and can be a great option if you have a specific career in mind. By the time you've finished you will often have the opportunity to put real-life work experience on your CV, too. Level 2 qualifications are similar but at a lower level.

Apprenticeships: Apprenticeships are another way of studying in a vocational way. Employers offer apprenticeships that help you study and train in a wide range of business sectors. You will spend most of your time working and getting trained under supervision. You will also do part-time study – which is often held as classroom learning, e.g. in a Further Education college – towards your qualification.

CAREERS WEBSITE

We have recently developed the Careers Section of our website to provide useful resources and information for students as well as Parents and Carers. We would encourage all Parents and Carers to follow the link below to access these and also look from our Careers Education Plan for this academic year, which shows which activities are on offer for students across the school.

<https://website.network.st-edwards.poole.sch.uk/information/careers/>

There are some also some useful links on our website to 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.

CAREERS BREAKFASTS

During the academic year, we invite various employers in to talk to students about their industry during registration time. Last half term we had James from R&W Civil Engineering to talk to students who are interested in Engineering or construction about what this sector involves. We are looking to run these sessions 15 times a year during registration time.

Students are encouraged to attend as many of these as possible as it enables them to discover more about an industry whether this then makes them realise they would like to pursue this or to rule something out.

This half term we are due to welcome Dorset Police in to deliver a talk so students will be encouraged to attend this if they are interested in finding out more about public and uniformed services in general. We will also welcome Rockley Watersports to talk to students about careers within Sport in general, as well as the opportunities that they offer for post 16 course options. Students find out about these opportunities via the weekly bulletin which is shared with them via their tutor. Alternatively they can contact Mrs Eastwood for any upcoming careers opportunities.

If you are a Parent or Carer who works for a business who would like to be involved in these talks, please do also make contact with Mrs Eastwood.



CAREERS CONTACTS

Mr Hurley - Head of Careers
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Mr Rigby - Careers Advisor