



# ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL

# FUTURE CHOICES

# BULLETIN

YEAR 8

## WELCOME

Welcome to the Year 8 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.

## INTRODUCTION TO CAREERS JOURNEY

Due to the disruption to normal school procedures last year. We did not have the opportunity to introduce the careers education here at St Edward's.

Careers education plays a major part in helping young people choose pathways that suit their interests, abilities and individual needs. It is our belief that outstanding careers education should provide students with a reason to work hard within school and inspire them to plan and work towards a meaningful future career.

The focus of our careers education in year 7 and 8 is on understanding the world of work. Therefore we will work in assemblies and in PSHE on the key themes of employability and financial literacy. Students from year 7 upwards are also welcome to attend talks by various employers as we believe it is never too soon to start considering choices and options.

In Year 9 we begin to increase the student's first-hand experience of careers education by running a Young Enterprise Programme enabling students to meet employees from local businesses, as well as offering students the opportunity to have a careers appointment with our Careers Advisor Mr Rigby. In Year 10 the focus is on being prepared for the world of work. All Year 10 students have a mock interview and will go through the process of writing letters of application and CV's. This builds towards work experience which happens during the first week of Year 11.

Following on from work experience Year 11 students are supported and guided in the choices that they have to make. All students have interviews with staff and an independent careers advisor. Through all of these programmes we aim to fully support every student plan and prepare for their future.

## 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 for 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/>

## CAREERS IN PSHE

Careers Education will continue to be an important part of Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE). One of the primary functions of PSHE is to prepare students for life in the wider world. To do this we will focus, in PSHE, on careers and finance related themes in the autumn term in every year group.

In Year 8 we will be focusing on making sure that students have a greater understanding of how to keep themselves financially safe. To do this we will be studying how to make safe transactions and how to spend money sensibly. This will include helping the students understand what is meant by credit and debt. Finally we will also be looking at how careers link to different areas of the curriculum.

## 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.

If you are a Parent or Carer who works for a business and would like to be involved in these talks, please do also make contact with Mrs Eastwood on 01202 740950.



## CAREERS CONTACTS

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