



ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL FUTURE CHOICES BULLETIN

YEAR 9

WELCOME

Welcome to the Year 9 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

Careers information, advice and guidance can be a powerful tool. High-quality guidance helps young people make effective decisions and can be associated with significant wider benefits. It also forms a central part of the Department for Education's Careers Strategy. The Gatsby Benchmarks which are a framework of 8 guidelines that define the best careers provision in schools and colleges has personal guidance as its eighth and final benchmark.



Here at St Edward's we also place a high importance on making sure that every student receives impartial and appropriate careers advice and guidance. By

doing this we believe that we can help all students understand the different options that are open to them and to begin to discern the plan that God might have for their lives. To make this happen we aim to ensure that every student has a minimum of three individual careers appointments with our independent advisor before the end of Year 11.

Students will be starting to consider their GCSE options next term, so this term is an opportunity for them to start thinking about possible future careers and whether it would be beneficial to choose specific GCSE courses linking to these as well as subjects which they find interesting and enjoy. Students have been looking at the topic "Being Ready for GCSE's" during their fortnightly PSHE lessons which covers these areas.

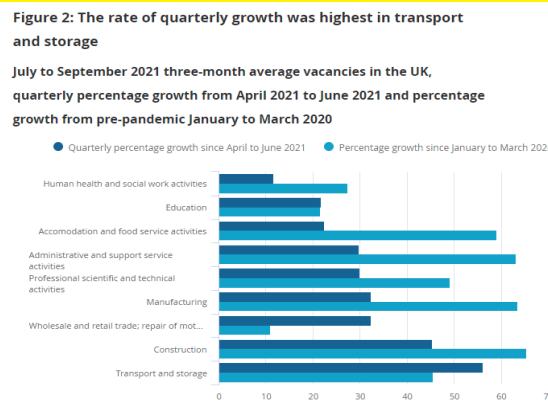
Mr Rigby is employed as our independent careers advisor. He has been providing careers advice in St Edward's for the past three years. This year Aaron is working with the school for

two days a week, and is now based in the Eden Centre. Aaron is working in partnership with St Edward's as part of a larger project facilitated by the Southern Universities Network.

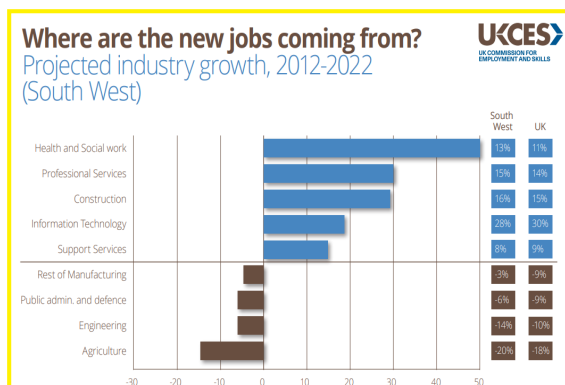
Mr Rigby will be making appointments at the start of the Spring Term with year 9 students, but it is unlikely he will be able to meet every student before the GCSE options deadline, so if your child feels like they need an urgent appointment please ask them their tutor to refer them for an appointment via Mrs Eastwood.

Prior to an appointment we would like students to consider any potential industries they are interested in, and consider what subjects they enjoy. If they are aware of what career(s) they would like to pursue then we would suggest they do some prior research to look deeper at the skills these roles require and what subjects these roles require.

LOCAL LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION



To the left 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.



These particular pieces of data look at which industries there are new jobs becoming available in and which industries have shown significant growth over the last year.

CAREERS CONTACTS

Mr Hurley - Head of Careers
Mrs Eastwood - Careers Manager
Mr Rigby - Careers Advisor