

Careers Programme

Our careers programme offers a range of opportunities for students to access information and guidance to help inform future plans and options and support confidence with GCSE and other exam choices.

In a changing world it is becoming increasingly important that students are aware of their options for the future and have access to support from staff, employers and educational providers to make the best possible decisions for their future.

Our careers programme is taught in line with the Careers Access Policy

All pupils in years 8 to 13 are entitled:

- *to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point;*
- *to hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events;*
- *to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.*

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for year 8 to 9 pupils and two encounters for year 10 to 11 pupils. For pupils in year 12 to 13, particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

See Policy section for full details

Careers Lead – Mrs Claire Latham

SLT Careers Link –Mrs Maz Turner

Careers administrator - Ms Alannah Pickaver

Careers area in Maths Block /school website (student section ‘After Whitstone’ section) – various different links for information on local jobs/apprenticeships and upcoming events

Year groups involved	When	Event
All years	6th October 2023	Inspiring Futures day - will involve various events for each year group that extend and enhance the curriculum - Careers related events - CSI workshop (science - Year 9), College taster (year 11), University of Bath visit (Year 10) See Inspiring Futures programme for specific details

Year 7	Term 3	Enrichment opportunity for selected students into performing arts
Year 7	Term 5	PSHE lessons delivered by school staff focussed on aspects of careers, aspirations, skills and self- awareness to include talks by local business
Year 7	Term 5	Career Pilot website workshop – via PSHE lessons
Year 7	Term 5	Wainwrights Quarry Industry talks (other employers TBC) – in PSHE lessons, to expose students to the range of careers in our local area
Year 8	Term 1	Author visit to school - inspiring futures activity
Year 8	Term 3	PSHE lessons delivered by school staff focussed on aspects of careers, aspirations, skills and self- awareness to

		include talks by local business
Year 8	Term 3	Career Pilot website workshop – via PSHE lessons
Year 8	Term 4	Langdons / Somerset NHS trust / PCSO – in PSHE lessons, to expose students to the range of careers in our local area
Year 9	Term 2	Inspiring Futures day - all students attended CSI (STEM/Science day) to learn and use skills relevant to working in various STEM situations (STEM in real world context)
Year 9	Term 2 (2nd November)	BTEC level 3 taster session - Bridgwater College
Year 9	Term 4 - assembly(TBC)	Introduction to Higher Education - assembly delivered by NSSW to introduce opportunities

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Year 9	Term 3	Career Pilot website workshop – via PSHE lessons
Year 9	Term 3	Langdons / Somerset NHS trust / PCSO – in PSHE lessons, to expose students to the range of careers in our local area
Year 9	Term 3	Careers event at Year 9 options/parents evening, including post 16 providers
Year 9	Term 4 - 6	Scheduled interviews with our careers administrator Specific support during options as required - assembly,
Year 10	All year	Information about Taster Days at Strode/Yeovil/

		<p>Bridgwater/Sexey's/ Wells Blue/Train4ALL/ ASK Apprenticeships – students given links to relevant taster sessions via school website and via social media</p> <p>Colleges will be attending Yr 10 parents evening as scheduled on calendar</p>
Year 10	Term 2	Army careers/ team work event (selected students)
Year 10	Term 4	<p>Inspiring Futures Day</p> <p>University of Bath visit 5th March- all students to take part in a university visit aimed at widening participation</p>
Year 10	Term 1, 4 - 6	Scheduled interviews with our careers administrator and external careers advisor

		Specific support offered as required
Year 10	Term 6 - via ECC lessons	ECC workshops provided by Next Steps South West - Higher level apprenticeships/ Level 3 Options
Year 10	Term 6	Career Pilot website workshop – via ECC lessons
Year 10	Term 6 - (8th -12th July) Planning to begin in Term 3	Block work experience - all students to have 1 week of work experience - in include preparation and follow up work via ECC lessons and aspire time Launch in assembly January 2023
Year 10	Term 6	Wainwrights Quarry Industry talks (other employers TBC) – in ECC lessons, to expose students to the range of careers in our local area -

		addressing gender stereotypes at work
Year 11	Term 1 and 2 and continuing all year	<p>Scheduled interviews with our careers administrator and external careers advisor</p> <p>Specific support during application process for college/post-16 options and in Term 1 and 2 ECC lessons as required</p>
Year 11	Term 1	Sexey's Sixth form assembly
Year 11	Term 1	Strode College assembly
Year 11	All year	Support offered for Year 11 students via transition panel - staff, parents and students who require additional support for post-16 options can request support via this agency by contacting Mrs Latham directly

Year 11	All year	<p>Information about Taster Days at Strode/Yeovil/ Bridgwater/Sexey's/ Wells</p> <p>Blue/Train4ALL/ ASK apprenticeships – students given links to relevant taster sessions via ECC lessons/assemblies/A spire time/ careers interview feedback, school website and via social media</p> <p>Colleges will be attending Yr 11 parents evening as scheduled on calendar</p>
Year 11	Term 2 - 8th December 2023	Inspiring Futures Day - all students to attend Strode College, Street to have opportunity to try out various A level and Level 3 courses
Year 11	Term 2 - via ECC lessons	CV/Personal statement writing/opportunity to prepare for an

		interview in ECC lessons
Year 11	Term 2 - via ECC lessons	Next Steps South West - Higher level apprenticeships/ Level 3 Options delivered by NSSW
Year 11	Term 1 - via assembly	ASK apprenticeship assembly delivered Follow up workshops in Term 2 for students requesting support
Year 11	Term 3 - assembly	National Citizenship Service assembly - delivered to engage students in Post-16 opportunities offered by NCS