



ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL CAREERS BULLETIN

YEAR 8

WELCOME

Welcome to the Year 8 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.

INDIVIDUAL CAREERS ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

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.



Aaron Rigby is employed as our independent careers advisor. He has been providing careers advice in St Edward's for the past two years. This year Aaron is working with the school for two days a week, and is now based in the Eden Centre. Aaron works on behalf of Dorset Youth for Christ, a Christian organisation who offers guidance, advice and mentoring to young people in order for them to make the right choices to secure a successful future. Aaron is working in partnership with St Edward's as part of a larger project facilitated by the Southern Universities Network.

LOCAL LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

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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