



ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL CAREERS BULLETIN

YEAR 9

WELCOME

Welcome to the Year 9 Summer edition of the Future Choices newsletter. 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.

CAREERS INTERVIEWS

As students have recently made their GCSE option choices, we will be looking to schedule them a careers appointment over the next term, continuing into the start of Year 10. Before meeting Mr Rigby, our careers advisor, it will help if students have some specific questions prepared in order to guide the conversation. Of course, a school careers advisor can give general information about how to find a career, but the more specific a student can be, the more practical advice Mr Rigby will be able to give you.

The questions could be general, such as:

What are the best careers websites to explore?

What do I need on my CV?

How do I write a covering letter?

They could also be specific and relate to the kinds of careers that the student is interested in following. These could be questions like:

What qualifications do I need to become a doctor?

What's the average teaching salary?

If a student has considered their skills and interests and are thinking about pursuing a career as an engineer, they could ask Mr Rigby about engineering firms who may offer work experience in the local area, what they can do now to give themselves an advantage when they come to apply for jobs, and also talk through whether university or an apprenticeship is the best option.

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

Mr Rigby has also commenced a 20 hour guided learning World of Work qualification with 32 students this term. This course will look at topics such as work life balance, CV writing, application forms, interview preparation and much more. We were limited on the number of students we could run this course with due to the funding received, but if students would like further support with any of the topics mentioned, they can contact Mrs Eastwood to make an appointment with Mr Rigby.

LOCAL LABOUR MARKET

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.



Did you know...

The NHS is the UK's biggest employer, and the 5th biggest employer in the world!

CAREERPILOT

We would like all Year 9 students to set up an account on CareerPilot, which is a platform offering a wealth of impartial information about various job sectors and routes to higher-level study in the South of England. Students in Year 9 can research information about any job they may be interested in including the salary, what the role involves, career progression options and much more. By creating an account it means that students can save various information so that they can easily access

this and begin to build up a set of resources which are linked to their chosen career(s) of interest. CareerPilot also has more information on the range of Post 16 options available, so we would encourage students to look into these options in more detail, particularly

as there has recently been an introduction of Technical Level Qualifications called T-levels.

or look in detail at...



CAREERS CONTACTS

Mr Hurley - Head of Careers
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Mr Rigby - Careers Advisor