

Careers Resources – Years 7 – 13

Careers Leader

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Parents' Evenings

Mrs Karen Meagher (Careers Connect) is available at Parents' Evening to provide advice and support to students and parents. She can also provide support in terms of help with choosing options at Year 8 or Year 11.

Careers Advice for Parents

<http://www.careersadviceforparents.org/>

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

Career Guidance Interviews

One to one guidance interviews will be scheduled in school to allow students to talk about their career or to help students consider their key strengths if they are unsure. The purpose of the interview is to help students widen their career ideas and develop research skills so they are in a position to complete their own independent research. Students can refer themselves for an interview by speaking to Mrs Meagher or their Support Manager.

Careers Lunch Time Drop in Sessions

This is an opportunity to have a chat about anything career related. Whether you want to know the entry requirements for a particular course, are unsure about option choices, are thinking about a number of careers, or even if you have no ideas, you are more than welcome to come and see Mrs Meagher.

Support and advice available for students with disabilities

<https://www.gov.uk/recruitment-disabled-people/encouraging-applications>

<http://www.jobcentreguide.co.uk/jobcentre-plus-guide/34/disability-employment-advisors>

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/Pages/disabilities.aspx>

National Careers Service

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

Offers information and professional advice about education, training and work to adults and young people aged 13 and over.

The Russell Group Guide to making decisions about post-16 education

<http://russellgroup.ac.uk/for-students/school-and-college-in-the-uk/subject-choices-at-school-and-college/>

Please note that choices of A levels will vary between departments at universities, so please use this as an overall guide not as a definitive resource. The best way is to contact the Admission Tutor for the subject you are interested in applying.

What University? What Course?

Degree Course Finder – <https://degreecoursefinder.pearson.com>

UCAS – <http://www.ucas.com/>

Push – Guide to UK universities – <http://www.push.co.uk/>

Independent guide to UK universities, student life, gap years, open days, student finance and all things student related.

What uni – university search site – <http://www.whatuni.com/>

Easy searching for university courses, university course reviews and college course reviews in the UK.

bestCourse4me – <http://www.bestcourse4me.com/>

Shows you the link between what people study and their employment record afterwards.

Open University- <http://www.open.ac.uk/>

Not sure you want the expense of university? Then you could consider Open University courses. Find out more by visiting the above website.

Sponsored Degrees

Employer sponsored degrees provide you with a salary and extremely valuable experience. You are likely to finish your degree without any debt and be able to walk into a job, potentially with the company you were sponsored by (some companies guarantee there will be a job at the end).

<http://www.thescholarshipub.org.uk/blog/sponsored-degrees-uk>

<http://www.careerpilot.org.uk/info/working-and-learning,-including-/employer-sponsored-degrees/>

Apprenticeships/ Training

www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk

Includes information about new School Leaver Programmes 2016

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

National Apprenticeship Service official website

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

Amazing Apprenticeships' (Liverpool based) is an exciting website that provides information about apprenticeships, helpful resources, videos and webinars.

www.liverpoolchambertraining.co.uk/

Liverpool and Sefton Chamber of Commerce apprenticeship website includes information about apprenticeship programmes

www.gmlpf.net

Work based learning providers across the Merseyside area

www.juiceacademy.co.uk

Digital skills/social media apprenticeships

<http://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/>

NHS Careers

Not Going to Uni?

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

One stop site for apprenticeships, gap years, distance learning and jobs

www.unisnotforme.com

A one stop shop for young people looking for alternatives to university

Future Trends in the Job Market

This website will help you to get a better understanding of the job market, what the top jobs for 2016 and beyond will be and what skills will be in demand in the future job market.

<http://www.best-job-interview.com/future-job-market.html>

Take the Buzz Test

<http://icould.com/>

This website is an excellent resource that will allow you to watch video clips of people who have experience of working in a wide range of job sectors from property management, science, marketing, PR and many more.

Profiles on jobs and occupations

http://www.prospects.ac.uk/types_of_jobs.htm

Careers Box

<http://www.careersbox.co.uk/>

This is similar to the icould.com website and it provides short films on various careers from Medical, Science, Creative & Media to name but a few.

Mersey Interactive

<http://www.merseyinteractive.com>

Provides learning and employment information that will help you to plan the best future for you. It also provides information on personal support needs, such as financial, travel and childcare

Nuevoo

www.neuvoo.co.uk

Job search engine. Shows all jobs available in your region.

Volunteering/ Enrichment

Local volunteering opportunities

<http://www.lcvs.org.uk/>

www.seftoncvcs.co.uk

<http://www.kcvs.org/>

Alder Hey Volunteer Service

<http://www.alderhey.nhs.uk/about-us/volunteering/>

Aintree Trust Volunteer Service

www.volunteerenquiries@aintree.nhs.uk

Voluntary opportunities for 14 - 25 year olds

www.vinspired.com

www.do-it.org.uk/

www.volunteering.org.uk

National Citizenship Service programme – take on new challenges, learn new skills and help out your community.

www.ncsyes.co.uk

Cadets

<https://armycadets.com>

<http://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/>

<http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/our-organisation/cadets/cadets>

STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Information

www.merseysystem.co.uk

www.stemnet.org.uk

www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk

Careers opportunities in Science and Maths

www.futuremorph.org

Questions to consider when choosing options

There are many options available at 16. Questions you need to consider when identifying the right course for you are:

Do you enjoy the course? (unfortunately some students do on occasion study certain subjects even though they do not enjoy them!)

How is the course assessed? Does it meet your learning style? Do you prefer coursework or exam?

How does the course differ from the course at GCSE? What will you will you be studying? How big is the jump?

How do your teachers feel you will cope with the course? Do they have concerns? For example will you achieve the A or A* grade needed in chemistry to become a doctor?

What modules or subjects will you be studying? Have you done some outside reading on the subject if you have not studied it before?

Finally, do not choose a course simply because it looks good or because your friend is studying the subject! Choose a course for the simple reason that you enjoy it and it could relate to what you want to do in the future.