

Year 8 Careers During Year 8, pupils will begin to start choosing their GCSE options and there will be an information evening to complement this important decision. Pupils need to be thinking about where these options may lead them, once they leave school and our Careers student pathways adviser Brendan Prendergast is present at this information evening (and around school) to assist in making these decisions., he also provides each student with the opportunity to take part in the icould buzz quiz relating this quiz to careers and personalities. Their Career aspiration is linked to these discussions and pupils are encouraged to use Start (Please see our careers page for a link to this website). Start – is innovative and easy to use careers guidance software helping young people make better and more informed choices about their career path. Start allows users to create a personal profile which generates suitable jobs with information on qualifications required, providers in your area and current jobs/apprenticeships.

As with Year 7, all pupils will be audited in regards to what careers they want to pursue, allowing us to refine our Careers Information Advice and Guidance (CIAG) to the needs of our pupils. They will have assemblies on careers and they will also experience essential skills and knowledge across the national curriculum during their regular subject lessons.

A selection of students attend the Salford foundation project 'inspire to aspire' which involves students working with mentors from business and taking part in a site visit enabling a valuable work experience opportunity .Students also attend the taster days at local colleges also attend the careers fair and guided and supported with all their GCSE and subject choices. . This is a major event in the school that showcases national and local career opportunities. There will be over 40 stalls, ranging from colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers, to training organisations, employers and public services and with practical workshops . This event is also then continued that same day into the choices evening where parents and students can meet with the providers. Higher education speakers are also part of the GM higher programme within the year group. English and Maths subjects offer career related subject careers and a drop down day. Other activities include business network and speaker breakfasts for all students with professionals from a variety of industries.

Curriculum related careers speakers within each department with relevance to subject and career aspirations.