

## **Year 11 careers** Careers Assemblies

Each Friday Year 11 attend an assembly programme exclusively focused on Careers. The assemblies give comprehensive information, advice and guidance about career option and pathways. They include visits from many colleges, universities, employers and training organisations, and apprenticeship providers. They also include assemblies from staff surrounding invaluable Careers Information Advice and Guidance (CIAG).

## Careers Connect Interviews

In Year 11, each individual pupil receives at least one interview with Brendan Prendergast impartial student careers pathways adviser. However, pupils are welcome to speak to Brendan during lunch/ form/ assembly time or ask for further interviews should the need arise. Brendan attends various information evenings, parents' evenings and whole-school events. He also offers a cv workshop and application support clinic each lunchtime.

## Careers fair Information Evening/day time also

All Year 11 pupils/parents are strongly advised to attend Careers Information Evening in the Spring term. 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. Unlike previous years pupils will be able to apply to various post-16 destinations through this evening and during the day all students will attend the fair.

## College Applications

All pupils apply to the colleges, apprenticeship schemes and/or training providers of their choice during the autumn term. The deadline for applications is the beginning of December and pupils should use UCAS progress/websites as the main format for their applications. Only a very small number of colleges cannot be applied for using this method.

## UCAS Progress

UCAS Progress is an online process for applying for colleges, training and apprenticeships post-16. Pupils can use UCAS Progress to look for courses and providers available in their area. Year 11 pupils will receive their login details in the autumn term and can begin their applications as early as October.

## Form Teacher References.

Each Form Teacher writes a college reference which will become a pupil's final school reference when GCSE results become available in August. Form Tutors know each pupil extremely well and their final reference will be attached to application forms.

Other projects include talks and workshops in school with Oxford and Cambridge universities, There are various SEND trips to universities throughout the year for students with autism and ADHD. Brendan also attends EHCP reviews to support transition.

Students in year 11 have the opportunity to attend the national apprenticeship show in Manchester or Bolton arena with access to over a 100 providers offering apprenticeship information advice and guidance.

#### College Interviews

Finally, in late January pupils will begin being interviewed for their college, training and apprenticeships schemes that they have applied for in school.

During the summer some students attend the NCS project and gain invaluable volunteer experience.

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.