



YEAR 11 FOCUS PATHWAYS AND PROGRESSION

Welcome to the Year 11 Summer edition of the Future Choices newsletter.

The focus in Year 11 has been for students to decide upon the most suitable pathway for them to ensure they have successful progression onto the next stage of their education or employment with training. Students have been encouraged to look at pathways that provide a more long term route eventually leading to a career.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Students in Year 11 have taken on board a huge amount of information regarding their future choices this year. The Futures assembly run by Ansbury focussed on pathways 16+ and 18+ supporting students to make the right decision now, that will lead to the opportunities they want.

The Sixth Form team led an informative assembly on life at the St Edwards Sixth Form and the courses that are available. Students were also given advice on the different pathways to higher education or work.

Students have also heard talks regarding Apprenticeships including specifics providers such as Paragon.

GATSBY BENCHMARKS

The Gatsby benchmarks describe all the elements of good careers guidance. They include the best practice in career guidance from around the world. We believe that these provide a strong framework for us to ensure all students access the very best careers information, advice and guidance.

- ✓ Access to good quality information
- ✓ Addressing the needs of individual students
- ✓ Learning in the curriculum linked to careers
- ✓ Encounters with employers
- ✓ Access to personal guidance interviews

DEALING WITH THE UNEXPECTED

As we are well into the GCSE examination period, parents and carers will no doubt be challenged with the question "what if my child doesn't get the grades they need?" At St Edward's we believe that students should always strive to achieve the best they can, however, we recognise that sometimes things do not go as expected. For instance, the student that improves upon their predicted grades but had not considered staying in the sixth form and studying Advanced Levels, or the student that has not achieved the entry requirement that the college place insisted upon.

At this stage the best advice is to consider all the pathways possible and ensure back up plans are securely in place. Our careers advisors can help with this.

OFFERING YOUR CHILD ADVICE

Here is an article to share with your child about surviving GCSEs.

'Year 11, you will survive your GCSEs. Here's how'

<https://www.tes.com/new/year-11-you-will-survive-your-gcse-heres-how>

The screenshot shows the Career Pilot website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: 'Get information', 'Job sectors', 'Find a provider', 'Qualifications', and 'Stories'. A 'Select Language' dropdown is also visible. The main heading is 'Your choices at 16'. Below this, there are several colored boxes representing different pathways: 'A-Levels' (blue), 'Apprenticeships' (green), 'Vocational qualifications' (yellow), 'Work or voluntary work route' (orange), 'Why carry on learning post 16' (light blue), 'The different pathways you can choose at 16' (light green), 'Places to study at 16' (yellow), 'Thinking about a degree in the future?' (orange), and 'Help with choosing your post 16 options' (light blue). On the right side, there is a 'CAREER TOOLS' sidebar with icons and links for 'HE Skills Map', 'Pre 16 Skills Map', 'My Qualifications', 'My Job Sectors', 'My Providers', 'My Bookmarks', and 'My Next Steps'. A 'View your full report' button is located at the bottom of the sidebar.



APPRENTICESHIPS



WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Apprenticeships have changed. They enable young people to earn a good salary, whilst working for an employer that is committed to training and development. They offer the opportunity to get a recognised qualification (up to degree level) and each year increasing numbers of students are taking this route.

An apprenticeship helps young people to develop skills and prepares them for the world of work. 90% of apprentices stay in employment after their apprenticeship, with over 70% staying with the same employer.

Apprenticeships range from Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) to Level 7 (postgraduate degree). With average salaries for Apprentices starting around £15,025 for Level 2 Intermediate up to over £20,000 for a Degree Apprenticeship.

www.startprofile.com

The Start interactive platform has further information and videos of previous Apprentices. More importantly it has guidance on how to find opportunities and apply for them successfully.

RESULTS DAY

On Thursday 23rd August, Year 11 students will return to school to collect their GCSE results. Full details for collecting results have been sent home via our weekly mailing.

On the day, the school has arranged for the following staff and external professionals to be available to help support and guide students.

Ansbury

Aaron Rigby (Careers advisor)

Senior Leadership Team

Sixth Form Team

Top Tips for Results Day

- ✓ Don't be away on holiday
- ✓ Remain calm and sleep well the night before
- ✓ Have a pen and paper with you
- ✓ Take time to read the results properly
- ✓ Try not to compare results with your friends
- ✓ Talk to teachers and careers professionals for advice
- ✓ Take pride in your achievements

IN THE NEWS

<https://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk/news/article/489/top-uk-employers-for-school-leavers-finalists-announced> This article reveals the annual breakdown of UK employers offering the best opportunities to school leavers, helping young people all over the nation make big decisions about the future

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.apprenticeshipsnews.co.uk

An informative site with very latest information regarding Apprenticeships.

www.startprofile.com

www.careerpilot.org.uk

Ansbury Live Chat

Access careers information, advice and guidance through a live web chat. Alternative search career interests via careercomp@nion.

www.ansbury.co.uk/Schools_Page.html

Click on the St Edward's school logo.

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