

FUTURE CHOICES



YEAR 9

SUMMER EDITION

YEAR 9 FOCUS

EXPLORE AND ENGAGE

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Year 9 Future Choices newsletter. The beginning of Year 9 was a time for exploring the finer details of GCSE option subjects and considering possible future pathways.

Year 9 is an important year as it's the first time students get the chance to fully engage and make decisions about their future when choosing their GCSE options.

HOW IMPORTANT ARE GCSEs?

GCSEs are a very important part of a student's academic journey. The results students achieve can effect;

- Which post 16 provider students are eligible to study at
- Different types of qualifications students are able to study post 16
- University choices
- Career prospects

For instance, engineering courses such as chemical engineering usually need A-levels or equivalent in chemistry, maths and physics. For other engineering courses, students need to have good GCSE grades in science and maths (Grade 6+) see:

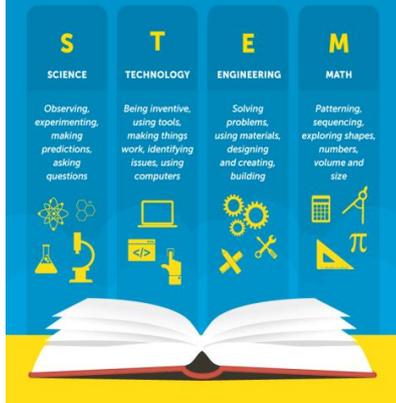
<https://university.which.co.uk/advice/gcse-choices-university/how-important-are-my-gcse-grades>

Employability values

Employability values are characteristics that employers consider to be important. They give purpose and help motivate people. Values also determine priorities and are likely to underpin how people behave.

1. Integrity
2. Quality
3. Positive relationships
4. Honesty
5. Fairness
6. Trust
7. Lifelong Learning

What is STEM?



WHAT IS STEM?

STEM education is an approach to teaching and learning that integrates the content and skills of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

During the spring term a group of students had the amazing opportunity to take part in a 'Women in STEM day' with ATLAS ELEKTRONIK UK (AEUK), a world leading company in underwater defence technology. The day was an opportunity to develop some of Dorset's leading STEM professionals of the future and certainly an opportunity to nurture their passion and imagination for a career within this exciting field of work. Our students did St Edward's proud by winning various awards and prizes including the opportunity to spend 3 days on a nuclear engineering course on board HMS Excellent in Portsmouth.

THE NATIONAL PICTURE

Recruitment experts at 1st Recruit have revealed the top 10 most in demand jobs for 2018 in the UK.

1. IT security architects
2. Data analysts
3. Risk analysts
4. Part-qualified accountants
5. Civil engineers
6. Payroll team leaders
7. Java developers
8. Safety case engineers
9. Building surveyors
10. Project managers





WALKERS CHALLENGE

The session which was delivered by Aaron Rigby (St Edward's careers advisor) aimed to challenge students' thinking regarding how many different careers are available to them. The premise of the workshop is through discussion and research for students to be introduced to all the different careers that it takes in order for a packet of crisps to appear in their hands. This includes everything from agriculture, to transport, to marketing, to chemists, to graphic designers, to transport etc. Students found that there are hundreds of careers connected to the crisp industry, many of which they weren't aware of. Feedback from the students was extremely positive and they felt they really benefited from the workshops.

GATSBY BENCHMARKS

The Gatsby benchmarks launched in December 2017 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.

For Year 9 students it is important to note the importance of the second benchmark "Learning from career and labour market information". It is really important that students are given this information about what future markets will be doing, so that they can make informed choices about their study options.

HOW?

All Year 9 students have access to our two careers advisors and are encouraged to see them throughout the year to discuss career aspirations, and get advice on the direction of the future jobs market, to inform their choices of courses to study.

NATIONAL CAREER SERVICE

The National Career Service is a government website that provides information, advice and guidance to help people make decisions on learning, training and work.

There is a huge amount of information and support offered on this site, so we have selected a few of the best resources available for you to use to support your child:

- 'Job profiles' this area is great for looking in detail at specific roles. You can find out about what the job involves, working hours and conditions, entry requirements and different routes into the role
- 'If you're aged 13-16' this area contains career activities including an action plan, a tool to check which kind of job will suit your child and CV builder
- Free support via text, phone, email or web chat
- The NCS also offers a translation service if you or your child need advice in a different language

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

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.careersbox.co.uk

These films show real people doing real jobs and are useful for giving insights into careers across all sectors.

www.startprofile.com

Helps children to explore different careers and helps them match their skills with possible careers. Designed for parents and carers to support their children.

NEXT EDITION HIGHLIGHTS

Analysis of student career aspirations including key trends

Robots and Artificial intelligence; impact of technology on careers



ANSBURY LIVE CHAT

Access careers information, advice and guidance through a live web chat. Alternatively 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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