

## Careers plan

In Year 9, pupils explore Careers education and how it supports informed decision making for GCSE option choices. This is completed through reflection on personal strengths, aspirations, and vocational pathways. The curriculum encourages moral decision-making, personal responsibility, and active participation in community life, fostering growth in faith and character as pupils prepare for the next stage of their education. Financial education and careers guidance prepare pupils to make sound decisions about their future, including GCSE options, helping them recognise their vocation and contribution to society.

Year 9 have the opportunity of attending the annual Careers Convention in the autumn term. They also attend a 'Meet the professional's event' in term 2 in order to meet and discuss career pathways with professionals.

- Opportunity awareness to choose suitable options subjects towards next steps in their career plans.
- Decision making skills on choices suitable for career interests.
- Be able to explain and identify equality in the work lpace
- Developing an understanding of subject interests and personal qualities.
- Discovery of self-awareness and be able to make informed decisions about next steps for future plans in study and the world of work.

Lesson	Curriculum Content	Vocabulary
1	Careers Lesson 1 - Self Awareness State the difference between work and leisure. Describe the benefits of work. Explain the term self-awareness. Recognise the types of work.	Careers Self-awareness Soft skills Aspirations Career plan Opportunity awareness
2	Careers Lesson 2 - Equality in the workplace Define Stereotyping. Define Equality. Identify Stereotypical male and female jobs. Explain why we Stereotype. Explain the importance of avoiding stereotyping.	Stereotype Equality Success criteria Equality Act 2010 Protected characteristics
3	Careers Lesson 3 - Nine to five Stacey Dooley work experience overview  Identify skills required in the workplace?  Describe the benefits of a work placement.	Workplace Work experience Placement Communication Organisation
4	Organise information in ways which help with decision making. Plan how to reach decisions about key stage 4 options. Explore the different decision-making styles.	Decision making Effectiveness Convention Webinar Styles

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5	Careers Lesson 5 - Option choices Identify career interests and future job roles. Research next steps towards the next key stage.	Options Pathways Decision making Aspirations Choices
6	Careers Lesson 6 - Opportunity Awareness / Xello & FSQ  Be able to login to the career's platform Xello and identify career interests and career matches.  Research pathways and career routes.  Explore salaries attached to specific roles.	Career ideas Subjects Courses Pathways