

Careers Curriculum Summary 2018/19

Mortimer



Introduction

The document Careers Strategy: making the most of everyone's skills and talents was published by the CfE in December 2017. This sets out the statutory requirements for careers education in school which we have followed in developing our careers curriculum.

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Key Stage 3 – Years 7, 8 and 9

During year 7 students are introduced to university life through our annual 'Star Student' game delivered by Northumbria University.

All students in years 8 and 9 attend an assembly introducing them to apprenticeships with a specific focus on STEM and girls in engineering.

In Year 9 students participate in a career speed dating event which introduces them to a variety of different jobs. Northumbria University also deliver an aiming high workshop to all Year 9 students before they take their option subjects.

We are now part of NECOP and this will give us access to careers mentoring for Year 9 students. There will also be workshops for Year 9 delivered by Future me; 'The Buzz Test'.

Key Stage 4 - Year 10 and 11

In Year 10 and Year 11 **all** students have a weekly social ethics lesson which works on a carousel system and a third of the lessons over two years focus on CEIAG. During these sessions students will:

1. Learn how to write a CV
2. Learn about the different post-sixteen pathways available to them **including** A levels, apprenticeships and training
3. Learn about different employment sectors
4. Learn about the importance of their on-line profile and on-line safety
5. Prepare for mock interviews
6. Learn about controlling personal finance (Year 11)
7. Have regular talks from a range of speakers representing different employment sectors
8. Participate in ESH business challenges (Year10)

As well as CEIAG being high profile in social ethics lessons, all students in Year 10 will participate in the following:

1. Mock interviews (in the Summer term) with representatives from a wide range of employment/training and education sectors
2. Two taster days (minimum) at local colleges and sixth forms
3. CV building workshop

In the autumn term of Year 11 all students have regular assemblies that focus on CEIAG. External providers from a variety of different training and education providers visit the school to speak to all students. These talks focus on apprenticeship opportunities, vocational education, A levels as well as life skills.

The National Citizen Scheme also delivers workshops and assemblies to Year 11 students to encourage them to join their scheme. In 2017 we became a Champion School for NCS owing to the high numbers who signed up for the scheme.

After Christmas students in Year 11 complete a questionnaire and from this, any students who do not have firm plans in place for their post-sixteen choices receive bespoke 1:1 interviews.

All SEND, LAC and potential NEET students also receive impartial advice and guidance from James Shanks (Services for Young People) which is organised through the local authority.

In November each year we hold a careers fair for all students and their parents in Years 10 and 11. This event is always well attended with a wide variety of different employment sectors in attendance.