

Year 8 – Guidance for Careers

Option choices

In Year 8 students will be making their option choices for their Key Stage 4 studies. The process in school starts with a launch of the options process in January. The process will include an information evening for parents and the subject parents' evenings at that time. For students, they will have dedicated time in subject lessons linked to potential careers and a more specific careers focus and guidance in PSE lessons. It will culminate with an options interview in school where choices will be selected.

For further information see the link [Options Guidance](#) on the school website

Investigating their interests

In school we encourage students to explore the **Start** careers guidance platform. If students haven't registered, they should register using their school email, their school username and password. Once they have logged in, they should link their account to the school by inputting the code 43407. They will then have a personalised page from which to explore careers interests.

The 'Start' platform gives students a chance to explore their interests, skills and qualities and by doing so the programme will guide them to potential careers that they may be interested in.

If students already know a sector or career they are interested in, they can investigate the nature of the job, salary, present availability in the country and whether their skills and qualities are suited to that vocation.

For further information see the link [Setting Up Start](#)

Investigating potential careers

There are a number of different websites that can help students investigate their careers:

www.icould.com

Large selection of careers videos and broad range of articles

www.careersbox.co.uk

General Careers Information and videos on a variety of occupational areas

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

Job profiles, skills healthcheck, LMI and lifelong learning account

www.getingofar.gov.uk

New-look national apprenticeship website: vacancies, role descriptions and resource materials

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/choosing-my-subjects>

School subjects at work

<https://successatschool.org/advisedetails/508/What-are-my-GCSE-Options>

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Investigating university options

The school encourages students to consider how subject choices may be relevant to future university courses using the [UCAS website](#). Students are able to investigate where they may want to study, the range of degree courses available across the country and the entry requirements needed. This may be relevant to their option choices as particular A' level combinations may be needed for certain degree courses.

For further information see the link [Using UCAS to Explore University Choices](#)

Labour Market Information (LMI)

It is considered good practice for students to be both aware of, and investigate, local and national labour market information. This will be available to students through their work on 'Start', in Careers Week linked to their subject areas and within STEP sessions.

Good sources of information on LMI are:

[LMI for All](#) is an online data portal that connects and standardises existing sources of high quality, reliable LMI.

Use the [Careerometer Widget](#)

[Nomis](#) is your one-stop shop for labour market information. The summary pages provide key trend data about or local area.