

Careers Information for parents and carers

It is never too early for your child to start thinking about their future and in Year 10 they will be given a lot of support to ensure they are fully aware of all the different post 16 options available to them.

There are many ways you and your son/daughter can access support and information, about making choices on their future. We have a Careers Hub in the LRC that is permanently staffed by our in-house careers adviser Miss Winter, who is available and ready to help all of our students.

The Careers Hub is filled with information on career choices, local labour market information and there is also a wide and varied selection of prospectus for colleges and universities available for your child to browse at their own leisure.

All students have a **Unifrog** account that gives them on-line access to a careers platform that allows them to research any career that interests them and to also research links between subjects and careers.

Year 10 students will also be invited to our **annual Shine event**. This is our careers fair where the students get the opportunity to speak to a wide range of post 16 providers including colleges, universities, apprenticeships and employers. Year 10 students also get the opportunity to meet and ask questions to employers at our **Spotlight event**. During our **ACE IT** week all Year 10 students will visit a local college of further education or 6th form college and parent/carers will also get the opportunity to attend an event to learn more about the options open to your child. Students, with their parents or carers, will also have the opportunity to access a wide range of post 16 providers at our **Post 16 Careers Event** that will run alongside the parent consultation evening.

How can you help?

It may sound obvious, but listen to your child and support their ideas. Over their time at Acklam Grange they may change their career ideas on a monthly or even weekly basis, this does not matter, the fact they are thinking about their future is the important factor. Also attend the post 16 events that are open to parents and carers and also talk to your child about the different events that they have been involved in.

There are lots of useful websites that can be accessed to help you through the process; these are detailed below. If these websites do not answer your questions, do not hesitate to contact Miss Winter.

How is Careers delivered?

Students have a Pride lesson once a fortnight and careers information and advice will be taught through parts of these lessons, along with citizenship and personal well-being. In addition we also have our World of Work sessions in tutor time once a fortnight. Students also have opportunities throughout the year to access guest speakers and visit places of work and post 16 providers as well as attending the Shine careers fair, post 16 event and Spotlight. In the summer term some Year 10s will also be invited to a careers interview.

The careers programme in Year 9 builds upon the knowledge and skills gained in years 7 to 8 and the aim is to ensure that by the end of Year 9 students will know how to identify and explore the different options open to them and have the knowledge to make the right choices at key decision points. They will have begun to develop their understanding of business and industry.

LMI—Labour Market Information

Labour Market Information (LMI), information on the world of work, allows us to gain knowledge and understanding on how the labour market functions. Such as reflecting upon what the future may have in store and how this may impact upon certain jobs. Also, thinking about where certain jobs may be more prevalent, geographically wise.

It is important our pupils take into account LMI- thinking about which sectors are up and coming and which maybe in decline- this way they can think about which skills they may want to develop, to give them the best opportunity.

Career and LMI includes information on:

- Skills, career pathways and progression routes in the local labour market
- Job applications and interviews
- Educational institutions, courses, qualifications, entry requirements and costs
- Professional bodies
- Employment sectors, employers, jobs, salaries and employment trends; • jobs, training and apprenticeships;
- Job demands and working life.

Throughout their time at Acklam Grange students will explore all of the above information within their careers programme. As parents it can also be valuable for us to explore this information with our children, to help them prepare and make informed choices about their future.

Below are some useful websites that may be of help and there is also a wide range of information on our careers website:

LMI for all: <https://www.lmiforall.org.uk>

Nomis: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>

This government tool: <https://www.gov.uk/courses-qualifications>

National Careers Service: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk>

www.startprofile.com <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk>

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/register

<https://www.darlington.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers>