

Careers Information for parents and carers

Year 11 is a very important year for our students as they will have to make some major decisions on their post 16 choices. During their time at AGS the students have been given a wide range of careers information and guidance to ensure they are fully aware of all the different post 16 options available to them. In Year 11 this guidance will be personalised and every student will get the opportunity to have at least one careers interview with our qualified careers adviser, Miss Winter.

Miss Winter is based in our Careers Hub in the LRC and 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 11 students will 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. 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. The post 16 providers are also invited in to **assemblies** to speak to the students about their establishment and what it offers. **Lunch time drop in workshops** are also arranged throughout the year to support students with their applications. Post 16 open day events will be shared with students via tutors, Class Charts and also our dedicated Year 11 careers web page.

How can you help?

It may sound obvious, but listen to your child and support their ideas. 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 students also have opportunities to access guest speakers and, if needed in Year 11, visit places of work and post 16 providers as well as attending the Shine careers fair and post 16 event. All students will be invited to a 30 minute careers interview with Miss Winter. Every student will receive a personalised report following the interview detailing the advice given and recommended next steps.

The careers programme in Year 11 builds upon the knowledge and skills gained in Years 7 to 10 and the aim is to ensure that by the end of Year 11 students will have researched the education, training, apprenticeship, employment and volunteering options available to them. They will have made their post 16 decision and had an offer of a place in education or training that will allow them to achieve their specific goals.

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. We also have a wide range of information on our website including a dedicated Year 11 careers page.

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>