



Careers Information for parents and carers year 7-8

It is never too early for your child to start thinking about their future, whether it's about what options they will choose at the end of KS3 or what college they may attend at the end of KS4. Throughout their time at Acklam Grange School they will have some big decisions to make. Don't worry, we are here to support you every step of the way.

There are many ways you and your child can access support and information about making choices for 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 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 prospectuses 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.

Unifrog is designed to support learners in making informed decisions about their futures, with a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. Each student has their own account that provides a range of information related to their interests and aspirations.

- Key features of the platform for students include:
- Psychometric testing quizzes
- Career and subject exploration
- Webinars and interactive short courses
- Self-reflection and portfolio building tools
- Search tools for live apprenticeship and employer opportunities, and university courses
- Application and essay-building tools

For a parent/caregiver account to be created on Unifrog:

- The parent/caregiver can open their account using their email address here:
www.unifrog.org/parent

If you have any issues signing in, please contact **winter.s@acklamgrange.org.uk** and speak to Miss Winter, Careers Lead.



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. 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.

The aim of the careers programme in Year 7 and 8 is to ensure that students will know about different careers sectors in the Tees Valley and will have explored a range of different jobs so that they have a wide understanding of careers and opportunities open to them post 16.

LMI—Labour Market Information

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

It is important our pupils consider 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 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.

Staying in Education (<https://www.gov.uk/know-when-you-can-leave-school>)

You can leave school on the last Friday in June if you're 16 by the end of the summer holidays.

You must then do one of the following until you're 18:

- stay in full-time education, for example at a college
- start an apprenticeship
- spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, while in part-time education or training

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://careers.startprofile.com/page/home-page>

Search for Apprenticeships www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/register

Unifrog <https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in>

Tees Valley Careers <https://www.teesvalleycareers.com/parents/>

AGS Careers page <https://www.acklamgrange.org.uk/ags-careers/>