

Careers Programme Overview 2026/27



Key Stage 3 — Years 7 to 9

The provision of careers education is embedded into timetabled Personal Development lessons for KS3 year groups delivered through the 'Living in the Wider World' themes, and outside of lesson time teaching and learning opportunities aligned with Gatsby Benchmarks. Topics are linked to skills, choices and pathways, work and career, employment rights and responsibilities, financial choices, media literacy and digital resilience. Work experience opportunities are sourced to support engagement and experience activities during Years 7 to 9,

Year 7

Focus: Future Self

Introduction to careers. Exploring interests and skills linked to hobbies and future career aspirations. Recognising skills, interests, and achievements to support choices and understand career terminology.

Key Activities & Events

- Life Aspirations - Who I want to be
- National Awareness Weeks (Apprenticeships, Careers, Green Careers)
- Every Picture Tells A Story (Alumni Talk)
- Future Me: World of Work Challenge

Year 8

Focus: Be Inspired

Exploration of careers and future career planning. Learning about the world of work, workplace future, and identifying skill shortages linked with local LMI. Raising aspirations for Year 9 options.

Key Activities & Events

- Life Aspirations - Who I want to be
- National Awareness Weeks (Apprenticeships, Careers, Green Careers)
- Every Picture Tells A Story (Alumni Talk)
- Future Me: World of Work Challenge

Year 9

Focus: Making Choices

Understanding why qualifications and skills are key. Exploring FE/HE qualification options linking with GCSE decisions and future career pathways. Developing self-awareness.

Key Activities & Events

- Life Aspirations - Who I want to be
- National Awareness Weeks (Apprenticeships, Careers, Green Careers)
- Every Picture Tells A Story (Alumni Talk)
- Future Me: World of Work Challenge