

The Impact of COVID-19 on our Careers Programme

As you can imagine, the current pandemic has had a major impact on our careers programme within school, but I can assure you that the academy will still be valuable and beneficial to you and your careers education.

The career programme has seen many changes, with the biggest being that the majority of career related activities moving to a virtual platform. Whilst this is not the most ideal, we will be informing, updating and supporting students in the best way that we can. The careers section on our website is kept up-to-date as possible, with key links and information that we encourage you to visit!

Year 11

Year 11's are currently starting the process of thinking about their options and future once they leave school. Mrs Cornfield has started the 1-2-1 career guidance meetings. Mrs Betteridge, will notify you of your appointment. Please be as prepared as you can and make the most of your appointment. After your meetings, students will be referred to other learning providers regarding their post-16 options e.g. training providers, colleges and employers.

Open Door Policy

All students can access advice and guidance when they need it during drop-in sessions and at break-times.

Find me: in the careers office next to reception

Email me: louise.betteridge@e-act.org.uk

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Careers Events in School

Career lessons and activities

Work-shadowing/employer visits

1-2-1 careers guidance meetings

Mock interviews with local business supporters

Visits from inspirational speakers and role models to inspire students

Careers fair in school with local and national employers in attendance

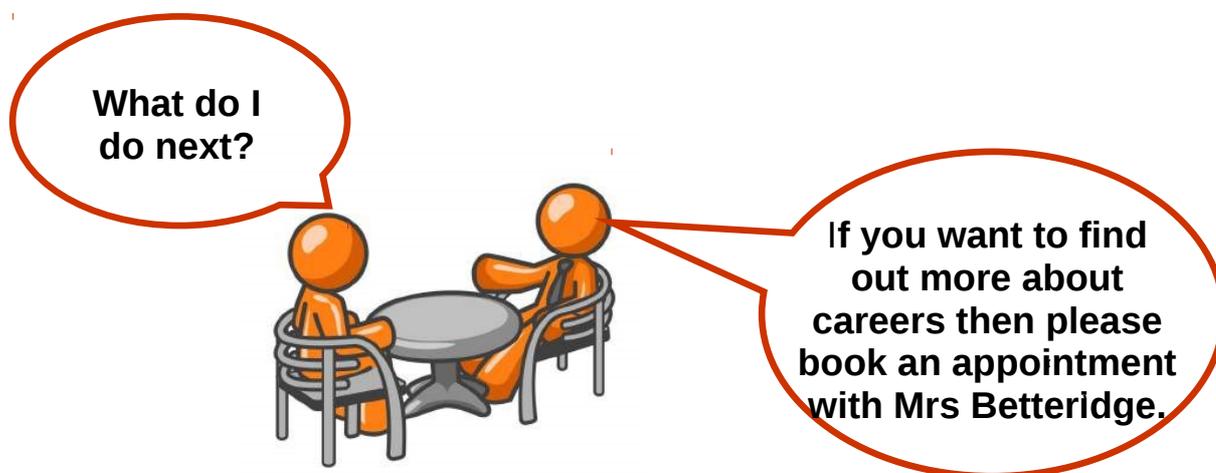
Drop-in careers advice service for all students at break times

Work experience

Employability day

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Monthly Notices



Advice and Guidance on Careers for Year 11 Students from Mrs Betteridge

A reminder of the 4 main options available to you after you have completed your GCSEs:

1. **Sixth Form** - This usually enables students to keep their options open by studying a variety of BTEC and A-level subjects. You usually study 3 or 4 single subjects – some BTECs, like Health and Social Care and Sport, and which will be offered as double awards. You will need five Grades 4-9 or equivalent for entry and ideally Grade 4s and above in core GCSE subjects. For A-level subjects you will need a Grade 6 minimum at GCSE. If you are considering A-level Maths, then ideally a Grade 7 is required. Staying on at a Sixth Form is a good way to study a subjects that you enjoy in greater depth, and keeps your future options open. Your future options could be going to university or completing a higher apprenticeship. After leaving the Academy other schools Sixth Forms may have different entry requirements so it is a good idea to research this for your chosen Sixth Form. Things you will need to consider are the school facilities, school ethos, distances, making new friends and having new teachers etc.
2. **College** - is a good option if you want a less structured environment. A Grade 4 minimum is generally required for level 3 study (A level equivalent) at College. Colleges

generally cater for more vocational courses like Construction, Motor Vehicle Management, Hair and Beauty, which aren't available in School Sixth Forms. There are courses available for students attaining a range of grades from 1 upwards. Things you need to consider for College is choosing the right College for you based on your course, as there are many different Colleges around.

3. **Apprenticeships** - have received a lot of media attention of late and are a great opportunity for those that know what they want to do and are ready to start work. You will need to apply for an apprenticeship like a job, and we can help and support you with this. You get paid a minimum of £3.90 p/hour and they can last from 1-4 years. You will generally spend 4 days per week with the employer and 1 day at college or a training centre, and the majority are taken on and offered employment after but there's no guarantee. There are over 150 sectors, and there are apprenticeships available in Business, Construction, Health, Engineering to name a few. However, you will need a back-up plan!
4. **Employment** - You can also consider employment; however, it must offer professionally recognized training. Like an apprenticeship you will need to apply for this, and have a CV and prepare yourself for a formal interview, but again we can support you in this.

Request an appointment with me in Careers and we can discuss the following:

- What are your ideas?
- What are your options after year 11?
- Where can I study?
- What do I need to consider when making post 16 plans?
- What different types of qualifications can I study and how will they help?
- What types of qualifications, skills and personal qualities do I need for the job I want to go into?
- Who and what can help me make the right decision for me?
- How can I research?



Message from Dudley College

I am pleased to release our updated School Leaver Toolkit for the academic year. We've created a range of virtual resources to support your upcoming careers activities and help students consider their Post-16 options.

In the toolkit you will find an exciting range of tools from both Dudley College and Dudley Sixth, including: e-prospectuses, virtual tours, video resources and 360° virtual tours.

*Applications are now open for Dudley College and Dudley Sixth!
For Dudley College applications, click [here](#).
For Dudley Sixth applications, click [here](#).*

Dudley College and Sixth Toolkit

[Dudley College e-Prospectus](#)

[Dudley Sixth e-Prospectus](#)

[Dudley College and Dudley Sixth Virtual Tour](#)

[Post 16 Options](#)

[Student Life](#)

[Discover our College](#)

[365° College Tours](#)

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Message from the National School and College Leaver Show I wanted to bring your attention to the following virtual events which will take place at the start of December. Students can register online now for either/both events and will have the opportunity to chat with exhibitors by voice/video or text chat as well as download useful information and view online video content. The user experience is optimal when students have access to their own PC/phone/tablet and can navigate the event at their leisure. The National School + College Leaver Show 1 December 2020, 9.30am-4.30pm Over 80 exhibitors, a mix of employers and HEI's with an emphasis on Higher Education. Click here to register your interests.

<https://nscl.vfairs.com/>



he National Apprenticeship Show 2 December 2020, 9.30am-4.30pm Over 40 exhibitors promoting Apprenticeship opportunities. Click here to find out more.

<https://www.nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/midlands/sponsors-exhibitors/>

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