



Gosfield School

Careers Curriculum

This has been designed as a seven-year journey from when pupils start at our school in Year 7 until they leave after GCSEs or A Levels. Our intent is for pupils to have a clear understanding of the opportunities around them. In turn, they can utilise these to pursue a career that gives them job satisfaction and hones their skillset. We use the online PSHEE programme called Jigsaw, this capitalises on preparing students for their roles as responsible citizens and future professionals. It provides insights into career planning, financial literacy, and the importance of making informed decisions. Jigsaw's emphasis on social responsibility, understanding career opportunities, and managing online presence equips students with the skills needed for economic wellbeing and responsible citizenship.

The Careers Curriculum is delivered through PSHE lessons, where every pupil in Years 7 to 11, has a short scheme of work on careers, relevant to their age group, assemblies, drop-down sessions and a Work Experience Week in the Summer Term.

KS3

In Year 7, pupils start to consider their goals and aspirations, become aware of the local labour market and begin to develop an understanding for pathways related to the curriculum. By Year 9, pupils have become increasingly aware of life beyond Gosfield School, as they choose their GCSEs, already thinking about their post-16 choices, including our Sixth Form and other local providers.

KS4

In Year 10, pupils are given the opportunity to create their CV on Jigsaw our PSHEE platform, we have assemblies and tutorials on the importance of their digital profile and their interview technique and answers. In the Summer Term, pupils complete a weeklong Work Experience placement and gain invaluable insight into the working world, in a career path of their choice. This ensures that our pupils in Year 10 are 'work ready'.

Pupils can then proactively pursue the path that is right for them. Pupils in Year 11 are supported through their applications for either Gosfield's Sixth Form or, at least, two other providers.

KS5

Progressing into our Sixth Form, careers support continues with further opportunities to meet employers, complete Work Experience and receive 1:1 career advice. Students in Year 13 are supported through their UCAS application. Our students will receive tailored support, depending on the university they are applying to. Students applying for apprenticeships or employment will receive support in updating their CVs, and they will be invited to take part in practice interview workshops.

A good careers programme is vital to all pupils to help raise their confidence, aspirations and to help them capitalise on the opportunities that are given to them. To ensure that we are providing the best careers programme we can, we follow the Gatsby Benchmarks, these form a clear framework and it is our job to ensure that we are implementing the benchmarks in the school setting.