

Careers

It's never too early to start thinking about your future. Careers education begins in Year 7, when we encourage you to reflect on your skills and qualities and how these might relate to the world of work. We run competitions and events to develop your curiosity and help you to make discoveries for yourself. Our weekly 'Chooseday Tuesday' is when we choose an employer, college or university to come in to talk to you at lunch time. As well as optional careers related trips to events, employers and universities, we link all of our curriculum subjects to the careers they could lead to. Once a year we have a Careers Fair, where we invite over 50 organisations from 16 different sectors to spend a day in school and meet students. On this day, the Sports Hall is filled with professionals from all walks of life and they bring exciting exhibits with them for students to try, it's a highlight of the academy year. You will find Mrs Budgen, our Careers Co-ordinator, in the careers office and she is happy to answer any questions you have on any careers you're interested in.

Activity

You will need a pen and paper for this.

- 1) We have heard a lot recently about the NHS heroes working during the coronavirus pandemic, and the government has built new hospitals so that it can ensure the safety of all of us.
- 2) Think about all the people required to build a new hospital - can you write a list of the different jobs involved?
- 3) You are the HR Manager of the new hospital. Can you think about all the staff that will be needed and add these to your list. (**Tip:** think inside and outside the hospital.)
- 4) Now think about all the people who will not work directly for the hospital, but will support it in some way, perhaps by supplying goods. Add the types of companies that will be needed to do this to your list.
- 5) Now add up all the jobs and companies on your list. How many did you think of?

Thinking like this is just the start of becoming aware of all the opportunities available to you when you leave school.

Have you thought about what you might like to do when you leave education? Complete the following:



When I leave education I want to be _____
 _____ because _____

I will earn money by _____

The skills I think I need to do this job are _____

What do you think you will need to do to be able to have your chosen career?

