

Here at The Vale Academy we are committed to ensuring that all of our students receive inspiring, independent and impartial careers education, advice and guidance. Students from all year groups will benefit from an excellent careers programme, in which their personal interest and characteristics will be taken into account, in order to ensure that they are fully supported to make informed decisions about their future.

This calendar outlines the programme of study that will fully equip our students to make informed decisions and secure excellent future career and educational opportunities. During the year students will use career PHSE lessons and online careers resources to access independent, impartial information and advice about careers and education opportunities available to them. Students will have the opportunity to learn from employers and will be encouraged to take ownership of building up their education profile and eventually a CV. All students will have access to internal and independent qualified career guidance professionals at key stages of their education to support them in making their decisions.

## Sept

During the year students will have access to impartial information advice and guidance through our careers coordinator and independent Careers service Careers Inc. This will be supported through PHSE tutors. Independent advice and guidance will be available at parents evenings.

Inspirational speakers / employers will be invited to speak to students throughout the year about careers and pathways to them. Careers

Year 11s will attend an assembly on how to make the best use of the visit to the Careers Fair in October and to remind them of their options

## Oct

Throughout this term year 11 students will each have an appointment with the Careers Coordinator at the academy to discuss their career plans, subject/course choices, colleges or apprenticeships.

Year 11 students will all be attending the North Lincolnshire Careers Fair

Brigg 6th Open Evening October 18th.

Work experience can be arranged during the half term break for year 10 and 11.

## Nov

Career aspirations will be considered alongside academic achievement at the Year 11 Parents' Evening.

Some major local companies such as British Steel, BAE, HETA etc. will have opened up their apprenticeship application processes.

Year 11 should be visiting colleges that they are interested in. Dates of open events for all local colleges will be on the student learning platform in the careers section.

## Dec

Year 11 students should consider applying to further education colleges in preparation for next September. Students will also cover PHSE work on Health and Safety in the work place.

**Year 10 students** will have PHSE lessons designed to show them how to write CVs in preparation for making choices next year.

Year 8 parents evening December 1st. The careers coordinator will be available to talk to parents/carers and students before they consider their options.

## Jan

Year 11 students who wish to have support doing applications, creating CVs, having advice about interviews etc. will be supported by the careers coordinator during the spring term.

All year 11s should aim to have all their college applications done by February half term at the latest.

Career aspirations will be considered alongside academic achievement at the Year 10 Parents' Evening on January 17th.

Y10 and Y11 will complete tutor sessions on the use of U Explore.

## Feb

Year 8s will be guided through the options process in a launch assembly and programme of lessons in PHSE and ICT including how to use U-Explore to help them make decisions. They will also have access to visiting speakers.

Year 8 students can speak to the careers coordinator to discuss their career ideas and subject choices to ensure they make a considered and informed choices.

Year 8 Options Evening February 16th. Parents/Carers and students will have access to an independent careers advisor and the academy's careers coordinator if needed.

Aspirations Day at the academy for all year groups to talk to local employers. Is provisionally planned for this month

## Mar

Year 8 students can have access to the careers coordinator at the academy to help them make option choices.

March is a key period where apprenticeships become available. Vacancies are put on the careers notice boards or in the careers section of the learning platform.

Work experience can be arranged for year 10 students in the Easter break if required.

**National Apprenticeship Week from March 13th to 17th.**

**Year 9 Parents Evening March 14th**

## Apr

Year 11 should all have completed their college applications and have been interviewed by their colleges of choice.

Year 9 look at the work of the public services in PSHE.

Support will commence this term for the year 10 students who are unsure of what they want to do after year 11. This will help them consider the options open to them and where to research for themselves.

## May

Year 9 students will be visiting either Hull University or a local further education college to start them thinking about their future options and choices.

Y7 start to look at careers through teamwork and enterprise activities in tutor period.

Work experience can be arranged for year 10 students during the half term break if required.

## Jun

Year 10 students will be targeted by the careers coordinator for additional support in planning their career journey.

Year 8 complete a Tutor session topic on enterprise over the summer months. Year 9 look at work skills, the economy and tax.

Year 11 students going into Brigg 6th Form will have their induction days

## Jul

Over the summer break Year 10 students should use the careers sections on the student learning platform or the academy website to start doing their own research about what they want to do after year 11.

Work experience can be arranged during parts of the summer break.

Year 10 students will have careers related assemblies this month including guest speakers.

## Aug

Careers support will be available on GCSE results days to offer impartial information, advice and guidance.

There will be a registration day for year 11 going into Brigg 6th Form

Summer leavers can continue to access support from the Careers Team to ensure they make a positive transition into education, employment or training. Students can still access careers information on the academy website