

CAREERS – SUMMARY

Hopefully you will have realised from this week's information and activities that the subject of Careers is important to enable you to become empowered to make big decisions about your future!

You will be working hard during your time in education, so you want something in return, right?

It may not necessarily be all about earning lots of money, although who doesn't want a life of luxury, but it's about making sure that whatever career direction you move towards, you will be happy, fulfilled and find enjoyment in the role you have.



Your career aspirations will be a vision of your future self, but you must be fully involved in this process along the way and make sure that you are at the forefront making the decisions. There is so much support available, some of which has been highlighted this week but you should aim to tap into opportunities that come your way to further enhance your understanding of the options you potentially have at each point of transition – choosing your GCSE options, deciding on which pathway to take after year 11, year 13 and university study.

It's never too early to start thinking about your future!

- Start thinking **BIG** – think about aiming as high as possible and don't rule out pathways without finding out the facts. If you haven't considered going to university, then there's no reason why you shouldn't see this as a possibility.
- Make your own judgements when it comes to the options you have
- Find out the facts – even when you think you know about certain careers, do your own careers research
- Don't underestimate your abilities! It may feel a bit odd at first when you have to think about all of your strengths and then talk about them during an interview. You have so much to offer and will be fantastic in the career you aspire to
- Be prepared to think ahead – planning is vital so don't leave your career plans to chance!