

Careers Programme

The Careers Programme at Josph Chamberalin Sixth form aims to ensure that all students in Years 12 &13 are provided with the skills and understanding for the next steps. In their journey for Year 13 leavers this means the world of Higher Education, employment or training.

Ofsted comments on the current careers provision November 2018 *-All students benefit from a highly effective, impartial careers education, information, advice and guidance programme that focuses on raising aspirations. The college provides very strong support to students to help them to move into higher education, employment or further learning at the college. The large majority of students aged 16 to 18 completing A-level courses successfully progress to higher education.*

All students can access impartial careers advice and explore their career options with a qualified adviser. Higher Education is emphasised as the main option for students, as around 90% of second year students apply to university. The careers programme is committed to exploring all alternative options available to students such as further education and access courses, apprenticeships and employment and gap year options. In the summer term Year 12 will start the formal process of applying to UCAS and students are supported to make informed choices by the college careers service and progress tutors. In addition to this independent advice is provided on Higher Education from a wide range of universities.

The careers programme aims to work collectively with students and parents, staff and external providers to empower students to make successful transitions. The careers service has already achieved the Gold Quality Award for the careers and guidance service. We are also committed to work towards the new career guidance strategy, which places the eight Gatsby Career Benchmarks in its careers programme.

Year 12

Term	Themes	Activities
Autumn1	Introduction to the SixthForm	Induction day-talks from the Principal Expectations from the Sixthform College of Students studying and the skills they need to be successful
Autumn2	What is on offer?	Students sign up to Enrichment Opportunities including NCS Work experience talks and careers induction covered in tutorials
Spring 1	Exploring your options	Talks on post-18 options through group work

		Individual interviews via tutorial All Level 2 students receive options talks and each student produces a career plans Apprenticeship week in March Attended by a wide range of training providers to support vocational courses and students Careers Fair –In March
Spring 2	Decision making	Year 12 Higher Education preparation through tutorial lessons
Summer	Exams	June – Higher Education Day Writing Personal Statements Open days at Universities
August	Exam Results	Year 12 Higher Education Evening for parents Exam support and advice offered to all AS/A2 Courses BTEC /GCSES Students

Year 13

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Autumn 1	Applying to Higher Educations or alternative options Higher level Apprenticeships	UCAS –Advice sessions from universities and group work Open day at universities and master classes promoted Individual interviews offered by progress tutor and careers
Autumn 2	Application/personal statements	Sixthform Deadline Interview preparation for Oxbridge students Student Finance talks by Student Finance England
Spring 1	University interview preparation	Interview preparation for degree courses like Medicine/teaching and Nursing

		UCAS extra application advice
Spring 2	Follow up	Advice on UCAS final choices and submission, Student Finance
August	Exam Results	Clearing Support offered by college staff, careers and local universities.