



St Dunstan's College

CAREERS ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

Introduction

Careers forms part of the advice and guidance programme at St Dunstan's College. Most of this is directed by the Pastoral Leadership Team and by the PSHEE and Skills for Life programmes in the Senior School, in partnership with the Head of Careers.

Aims

A planned programme of advice and guidance delivered is throughout the curriculum in the Senior School. This will enable students to make realistic and informed decisions about their futures and to successfully navigate the transitions from one stage to the next.

The Programme

Year 9

As part of the Skills for Life course, year 9 students will spend half a term studying *The World of Work*, which involves learning about earning money, managing finances and then how to spend earned money on housing, transport and leisure.

Year 9 students also take part in the two-day immersive careers programme *The Real Game*, in which students engage in extensive role-playing as they navigate the world of work, personal finance and planning for the future.

Year 10

In Year 10, the programme is focused on preparing for work placements and first jobs. By the end of Year 10, each student will have a working CV that they are encouraged to regularly update and review.

Year 11

A Careers Convention is arranged for students in the Michaelmas Term. Approximately 50 professionals give advice and guidance about their specialist field. All students are also invited.

A database of delegates is compiled and reviewed by the Head of Careers with support from the Headmaster's PA. New contacts are added, where possible, from contact with parents, Old Dunstonians or interested individuals. The aim is to get the widest cross-section of different career areas and the broadest range of advice to reflect the interests of the students.

Sixth Form

In the Sixth Form, the programme is focussed primarily on Higher Education and Apprenticeship advice, and is directed by the Head of Sixth Form and the Head of UCAS.