

Welcome to
CEAIG at
St Ambrose College



Careers and preparing for the future

This document demonstrates everything that we do here at St Ambrose College to ensure that all of our students live out the eight essentials of Edmund Rice. Every student leaves our school equipped with the skills to live a fulfilled life in modern Britain and the World. We give secure, independent careers guidance to all at St Ambrose through our partnership with MPloy Careers Service and our designated careers team, in order that we can motivate our students to fulfil their potential.

We have regular, scheduled careers interviews with our Careers Advisor, Mr Heydeman, with whom every student will receive at least one individual meeting.

We pride ourselves on offering all of our young people exciting opportunities within the curriculum, whole school activities, and extracurricular sessions. All of these go together to enable our students to become aware of the options they have and give them the essential advice, information and guidance they need to make informed decisions. Our school always encourages every student to be ambitious in life and strive for “scholastic excellence”.

We instil in our young people the resilience to keep going, nurturing all the essential characteristics to be successful, healthy, safe and happy both during their time at school and equip them with the skills to be lifelong learners. We have a clear framework which is set out in this document.

At St Ambrose College we believe that our students should not be left in any doubt of what path / subjects / courses they should take to achieve their individual life goals. Whilst careers events and access to business partners are scheduled regularly, a member of the careers team is always on hand to answer any questions.

IAG Events and Opportunities

We hold an annual Careers Convention in the spring term for students of all year groups.

We run a monthly Careers Café on the last Friday of the month in which any student in any year is welcome to drop by and enjoy some refreshments while listening to a brief and informal talk from a business partner.

Each year group will take part in an assembly hosted by a business partner on a variety of careers. These will be repeated each year to give a broad overview of a selection of career pathways.

Students in year 10 receive a scheduled appointment with our qualified Careers Advisor, and also receive a follow-up appointment in year 12. Additionally, those students with SEND needs, and those receiving pupil premium receive earlier appointments in year 8.

The sixth form have access to a regular schedule of careers speakers based on the industries that they indicate that they are most interested in.

Both year 10 and 12 are expected to undertake a week of work-related learning in the summer term which provides them with on-the-job experience of sector they may have an interest in, as well as offering a valuable insight into the world of work.

The careers team are always available to answer any questions or put students in touch with other relevant experts.

IAG Learning and the Curriculum

We have a broad, balanced and rich curriculum, which is highly academic to suit our high achieving students. We understand the need to balance good grades with the skills needed to progress to the next stage in our student's lives and beyond. As IAG provides the cornerstone for which our students can make informed and thoughtful choices, we strive to embed it into all areas of our curriculum in order to emphasise the importance of careers-related learning.

Religious Studies/Theology:

- Trip to Sierra Leone
- Work with asylum seekers
- Weekly visits to cornerstone refuge centre
- Lourdes Pilgrimage
- Promotion of religious vocations
- Year 7 religious retreat

Creative Arts and Drama

- Arts Day with external speakers, presentations and performances
- Displays around the school
- Entry to external art competitions eg. The Living Edge Art Prize at the Lowry
- Social media interactions eg. Youtube, Pinterest, Instagram
- Numerous theatre visits
- Guest speakers utilising the alumni network
- Drama club
- Film club
- Annual school performance

Science

- Visits from guest speakers to clubs and societies
- Safety risk assessment
- Topics covering healthy eating, effect of exercise, alcohol and drugs
- Engineering Society open to all year groups
- Biology club
- Mock interviews

- Weekly medical/forensic activities
- Options Evening – presentation, visit the department, assemblies, discussions with SLT
- Numeracy skills and data analysis

English

- Debating Society
- Creative Writing Club
- Creative writing skills in lessons
- BBC Schools News Day
- CV/UCAS references
- Support with Duke of Edinburgh activities
- Group discussions to aid teamwork skills
- Formal presentations
- Job interview, presentation and speaking and listening tasks

MFL

- Year 7 trip to France
- Language ambassadors programme
- Junior Language Club
- Discussions on future plans/careers
- Mentoring Programme for Year 11 by VI Formers
- Work experience in Spain
- Trip to Rome

Mathematics

- Maths Challenge
- Maths Clinic
- After-school revision clubs
- Mentoring programme

Design Technology

- Guest speakers eg. architecture
- Year 9 furniture industry competition
- Arkwright Scholarship – engineering
- Costume/set design for drama productions
- Nutrition and healthy diets

Humanities

- Geography field trips
- VI Form mentoring programme
- WW1 theatre company visit
- Importance of evaluating sources
- Interview support folder
- Visits from Old Boys
- Leadership skills
- Visits from MPs
- Trip to Coca Cola/Jaguar Factory
- VI Form led History Society attended by all year groups
- Mock interviews
- Politics society
- Visit to Houses of Parliament
- Trip to Rome
- Trip to battlefields
- PSHE – being a positive leader
- Young Enterprise
- Real life business case studies

Physical Education

- Student mentoring
- Coaching, refereeing and lifeguarding experience
- Options evening for VI Form – 3 pathways
- Sailing trip
- Special assemblies on VI Form subjects
- Sports days
- Officiating and building links with primary schools
- Swimming galas
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Skiing trip
- Visits from Royal Marine Vis Team
- GCSE PE includes studies on the life plan of sports men and women – plans for how to live healthy lives

VI Form

- Special assemblies eg. Safe Drive Stay Alive
- Keele University medical day
- Vision Team – discussing and making key decisions for the VI Form
- UCAS preparation in form time
- Work experience
- Year 12 and 13 mentoring programme
- Head boy and prefect team
- University fairs and open days
- Year 12 interview skills – input from professionals on how to do well in interviews for the world of work, particularly medicine and Oxbridge applicants
- Biology club
- Teaching and learning focus on independent learning
- Politics trips
- Young Enterprise
- UCAS Convention visit in Manchester
- Structured study period
- Oxbridge talks and preparation
- Careers guidance interview with careers advisor
- Trips and visits
- VI Form induction – transition from GSCE
- Gold Duke of Edinburgh
- VI Form open evenings
- Cooking skills
- VI Form debating
- Prom planning – encourages social and organisational skills
- VI Form coffee mornings
- 1:1 careers meetings and advice

Further Information

Where to go...

- Miss Walton and Miss McManus are based in the English and RE/Computing departments. Feel free to come and find us around school about anything careers related.
- To make an extra appointment to see Mr Andrew Heydeman, please email the office or Miss Walton/Miss McManus.
- The Careers Library is currently located in the VI Form Office. Please speak to Miss Walton/Miss McManus to gain access.
- The Careers Café—venue to be confirmed each month. Please look out for the posters.

Who to see...

- Miss Walton – English Teacher and Careers Lead
- Miss McManus – RE Teacher and Careers Lead
- Mr M Cook – Assistant Principal and Careers SLT Link
- Mr A Heydeman – Careers Advisor (through MPloy) – usually available in the atrium on Thursday lunchtimes
- Form Tutor – your form tutor will be happy to point you in the direction of career resources and further information.

Online Resources...

www.gmacs.co.uk/schools

www.mpjoy.com

www.ucas.com

www.nationalcareersservice.direct.org.uk

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

www.barclayslifeskills.com

www.careerconnect.org.uk