

Welcome to

CEAIG at

St Ambrose College



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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 member of staff who has responsibility for careers, in order that we can motivate our students to fulfil their potential. We have regular, scheduled careers interviews with our Careers Advisor, Mrs Woods, beginning as early as 2nd year for our SEND and pupil premium students, and going right through to lower six.

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.

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IAG Events and Opportunites



- We hold an annual Careers Convention in the spring term for students of years 8,9,10, and 11 (this will be extended to all year groups from 2018).
- 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 a 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.
- Furthermore, any student is welcome to make a 1-2-1 appointment with our careers Advisor, or speak to her in confidence during her lunchtime Careers Clinic session on Mondays 12.30 pm—1.30 pm.
- The sixth form have access to a regular schedule of careers speakers based on the industries that they indicate 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 and also provide a valuable insight into the world of work.

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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 & Drama

Arts Day with external speakers, presentations & performances

Displays around the school

Entry to external Art competitions - The Living Edge Art Prize at the Lowry

Social Media/You Tube/Pinterest

Numerous Theatre Visits

Guest Speakers—utilising Alumni network

Drama Club, Film club

Annual School Performance

Science

Visit from Guest Speakers to clubs & Societies

Safety Risk Assessment

Healthy Eating KS3
Effect of Exercise KS3/4
Alcohol KS4
Drugs

Engineering Society—All Years

Biology Club

Mock Interviews

Weekly Medical/Forensic Activities

Options Evening - Presentation / Visit departments / Assemblies / Discuss with SLT

Numeracy skills/data analysis (All)

English

Debating Society

Creative Writing

BBC Schools News Day

CV/UCAS References

Support with Duke of *Edinburgh* activities

Group Discussions

Formal Presentations

Job Interview S&L Tasks

MFL

Year 7 Trip to France

Language ambassadors programme

Junior Language Club

Discussions on future plans/careers including advantages/disadvantages of different paths

Mentoring Programme for Year 5 by 6th Formers

Work experience in Spain

Trip to Rome

Mathematics

Year 6 Maths Challenge

Maths Clinic

After School Revision Clubs

Mentoring Programme

Design Technology

Guest Speakers e.g. Architecture

Year 3 Furniture Industry Competition

Arkwright Scholarship—Engineering

Costume/Set Design for Drama Productions

Nutrition Healthy Diets

Humanities

Geography Field Trips for all Year 7

Sixth Form Mentoring

Www1 Theatre Company Visit

Importance of Evaluating Sources

Interview Support Folder

Visits from Old Boys

Geography Field Trips all Years

Leadership skills

Visits from MP's

Trip to Coca Cola/Jaguar Factory

Sixth Form Led History Society
(All year groups attend and lead)

Mock Interviews

Politics Society

Visit to House of Parliament

Trip to Rome

Trip to Battlefields

PSHE - Being a positive leader

Business Trip to Coca Cola

Young Enterprise

Real Life Business Case Studies

Physical Education

Student Mentoring

Coaching, Refereeing,
Lifeguarding

Options evening for Sixth form 3
Pathways

Special assemblies on Sixth form
subjects

Sailing Trip

Sports Days

Officiating /Building links with
Primary Schools

Swimming Gala's

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Skiing Trip

Visits from Royal Marine Vis Team

GCSE PE study the life plan of
sports men and women - Plan
for how to live healthy lives

YEARS 12 and 13

Special Assemblies and visit to Safe Drive Stay Alive

Biology Club

Sixth form induction Transition year 12 and 13 evenings

Keele University Medical day

Teaching & Learning focus on independent learning

Gold Duke of Edinburgh

Vision Team - Discussing and making key decisions for the Sixth Form

Politics Trip

Sixth form Open evenings

UCAS prep in form

Young Enterprise Group

Cooking Skills to Survive

Work Experience

UCAS Convention Visit in Manchester

Sixth Form Debating

Year 13—12 mentoring

Structured study periods

Organise their own prom - Demonstrating social and organisational skills

Head Boy and Prefect System

Oxbridge talks & preparation

Sixth Form Coffee Mornings

University fairs

Careers guidance interview with careers teacher

1:1 Careers Advice Available

Year 12 Interview skills - Input from Career professionals on how to do well in interviews by professions for the world of work in particular for medicine and Oxbridge applicants.

Trips - Many curriculum areas for vital experiences

Opportunities page on website

Politics Trip to London

Further Information

Where to go . . .

The Careers Room - is located on the ground floor next to the office. Ask At the school office if you need directions.

The School Office - to make an appointment to see Mrs Woods or to speak to Mrs Coultas about anything careers related.

The Careers Library - currently located in the Careers Room. Please speak to Mrs Coultas to gain access to this room outside of your appointment time.

The Careers Café—venue to be confirmed each month. Please look out for the posters.

Who to see . . .

Mr P Groves - Acting Vice Principal and Careers Lead

Mrs L Coultas - Careers Coordinator - based in the main school office

Mrs S Woods - Careers Advisor - Monday lunchtime or by appointment

Form Tutor - Your form tutor will be happy to point you in the direction of career resources and further information.

Online Resources . . .

www.mploy.com www.ucas.com

www.nationalcareersservice.direct.org.uk www.getingofar.gov.uk

www.barclayslifefskills.com www.careerconnect.org.uk