

Careers

At Greenbank High School, we have the highest aspirations for our pupils and your children and we are committed to providing high quality, careers guidance which will ensure that they fully understand the range of opportunities available to them.

Linking closely to the school's ethos, 'Aspire, Care, Achieve' in the heart of the Community", a Greenbank High School pupil's career journey begins in Year 7 with a full programme of guidance in which pupils are supported in making key decisions about their next steps and have high aspirations at every transition point.

At Greenbank High School we recognise the importance of linking careers to subject areas and through our curriculum and extensive extra curricular programme, we aim to give our pupils a wide range of experiences and encounters that will prepare them to make the right choices at key stages in their lives.

Objectives:

In order to achieve the vision and identifying areas of weakness within our careers programme we have identified the following strategic objectives which will form the priority for improving careers provision over the next three years:

1. All teachers link curriculum learning with careers and post-16 destinations through a departmental programme of events and through their dedicated employer link. (GB 4, 5,6, 7)
2. Meet the individual needs of pupils to ensure they have access to a wide range of post-16 opportunities and guidance. (GB 2,4)
3. Supported by staff and parents, pupils confidently use LMI to make informed choices about post-16 opportunities. (GB 2 ,3)

Careers Programme

Please see the programme of delivery for each year group below.

Year 7

- Day to Work Day
- BBC Bitesize Creative Careers Day
- Careers learning through PSHE programme
- Careers learning in each unit of work in each subject area
- Subject based careers trips and events
- Use of careers library during break and lunch time
- One to one careers appointment – upon request

Year 8

- Enterprise Day
- Oxbridge Events
- Edge Hill PP visit
- Social Action Group – Edge Hill Uni
- Employer visit in school/out of school
- BBC Bitesize Creative Careers Day
- Careers/work related enrichment days
- Careers learning through PSHE programme

- Dedicated Careers and Options lessons x 4
- Options taster day and Options evening
- One to one guidance interview to discuss options
- Careers learning in each unit of work in each subject area
- Subject based careers trips and events
- Use of careers library during break and lunch time
- One to one careers appointment – upon request
- Parents evening, Options Evening and Parent Information evening
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Year 9

- Oxbridge Events including Cambridge/Oxford visit
- BBC Bitesize Creative Careers Day
- Careers learning through PSHE programme
- Apprenticeship Fair
- College and University Fair
- Employer Fair
- Careers/work related enrichment days
- Termly careers learning in subject areas
- Subject based careers trips and events
- Employer talks and visits
- Use of careers library during break and lunch time
- One to one careers appointment – upon request
- Parents evening and Parent Information evening
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Year 10

- Work Experience
- BBC Bitesize Creative Careers Day
- Oxbridge Events including Cambridge/Oxford visit
- Employer Interview Application form workshop
- Employer Interview (mock interview)
- College/6th form taster days x 6
- Careers learning through PSHE programme
- Apprenticeship Fair
- College and University Fair
- Employer Fair
- Termly careers learning in subject areas
- Subject based careers trips and events
- Use of careers library during break and lunch time
- One to one careers appointment – upon request
- Parents evening and Parent Information evening

Year 11

- One to one careers interview with careers advisor
- Optional parental careers appointment with careers advisor
- College and apprenticeship representation at selected parental events

- Apprenticeship and college group workshops
- Programme of college, employer, NCS.. assemblies/lunchtime drop-ins
- GHS Mentorship Programme
- Careers learning through PSHE programme
- Apprenticeship Fair
- College and University Fair
- Employer Fair
- Termly careers learning in subject areas
- Subject based careers trips and events

Careers Lead Contact Details

For further information about Careers, please contact Miss J Edwards (Careers Leader) edwards_j.st@greenbankhigh.co.uk

Information for Key Stakeholders

Information for Pupils

For more information about careers visit the careers room in school which is located in the library. You can use this room at break and lunchtimes to research careers. As part of your timetables lessons, you will study careers as part of the PSHE programme. You will also be involved with other events which link to careers such as guest speakers and trips and visits.

The following websites will give you some good information about careers.

- www.myworldofwork.co.uk
- www.careersbox.co.uk
- <https://targetcareers.co.uk/>

Information for Parents

Please encourage your child to visit the school's careers room to research available careers. The room is open every day before school, break and lunch and after school. Within this room, pupils can find out lots of useful information about careers.

Pupils can also request an appointment with the schools independent careers adviser. All pupils will begin group meetings during year 8 and 1-2-1 meetings during years 10 and 11 however, if a pupils wishes to receive an appointment earlier, please ask them to speak to their form tutor who can arrange this with our careers adviser.

Our social media/newsletter includes information about careers provision within school particularly events or trips that are taking place.

Some useful websites are listed below:-

- www.careersadviceforparents.org/
- www.myworldofwork.co.uk
- www.careersbox.co.uk

- nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/

Information for Teachers

The following websites are a great resource for looking for careers which link to the subject you teach.

- icould.com/resources/
- www.pearson.com/uk/educators/secondary-educators/resources/resources-for-careers-teachers.html
- www.channel4learning.com/sites/lifestuff/content/teachers/workit/handzon/aims.html

Some ideas to engage your classes with careers are as follows:-

- Show a short clip as a starter activity using the resources on careers box.
- Discuss careers linked to specific parts of your curriculum
- Set a homework task to research different careers related to your subject.
- Use our school business contacts to bring in a guest speaker to talk to students about careers or to deliver part of a lesson.

Information for Employers

If you would like to know more how you could support our school in terms of careers, please get in touch. Some of the ways in which we work with businesses are:-

- Guest speaker talks and presentations
- Delivery of small parts of curriculum content
- Workplace visits
- Hands on workshops
- Representation at parents evenings and careers fairs