

Careers Education - Parents

The Careers programme at Springwell Community College aims to encourage students to have high aspirations, whilst providing them with the relevant information and experiences that they require to make informed decisions about their future education and career pathways, a key element of which is the opportunity to interact and engage with employers from a range of industries.

The careers programme that is delivered is in line with the Gatsby Benchmarks for good practice in careers education.

By the end of Key Stage 3 students will have:

- Been given access to the Unifrog platform to research careers and record their experiences.
- Received specific careers-based lessons, delivered through the PSHE programme.
- Been given guidance on choosing a suitable career path.
- Had multiple opportunities to engage with employers and employees from local industries.
- Identified and investigated a career of their choice in depth.
- Been provided with information about the local labour market.
- Experienced subject specific lessons where teachers highlight potential careers that are linked to that subject.
- Accessed and used careers information to inform their own choices of subjects to study in Years 10 and 11.

By the end of Key Stage 4 students will have:

- Independently accessed information on the local labour market and used this information to inform their own career path.
- Received subject specific lessons that link that subject to future careers.
- Had multiple opportunities to engage and learn from local employers and employees.
- Received at least one individual careers interview with a specialist careers advisor.
- Been given the opportunity to take part in university visits if appropriate.
- Attended at least one careers fair to meet prospective employers and post-16 course providers.
- Partaken in a mock interview with a local employer.
- Received information from local sixth form college via a range of assemblies.
- Completed a CV in preparation for potential college and employment interviews.

We are always looking to enhance our careers programme, so welcome any feedback regarding the activities and opportunities offered.

If you would like to become involved in our careers programme on behalf of your employer, please look at the employer section of the website for further information.

Careers Advice and Guidance

The college employs a qualified careers advisor via the Two Counties Trust, who will meet with every student at least once. This allows students to access personalised advice and guidance, particularly on their intended career options post-16. The careers advisor will help each student create a personal action plan that gives them clear advice on achieving their future career aspirations.

Springwell Community College is also part of the North Derbyshire Careers Hub as well as working closely with the D2N2 local enterprise partnership both of which play a significant role in supporting the colleges careers programme.

The college also has links with local businesses to support the delivery of the careers programme. An example is Fortem, with whom the college developed a national virtual work experience programme.