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‘CAREER’

describes our journey through
life, learning and work.

Your journey starts here...

What is National Careers Week?



It's a chance to focus on careers guidance and education



It helps you to understand, realise and fulfill your career goals



It helps you to feel confident about the future and focused on what you need to do now



How do you feel when you think about your future?

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Careers Guidance



Careers Education and Guidance in school is meant to help you feel confident about your future. Happy in the knowledge that when you leave school, you will have made decisions about your education and learning that will have been right for you.

What do I need to learn?

Grow throughout life

Grow throughout life by learning and reflecting on yourself, your background, and your strengths.

Explore possibilities

Explore the full range of possibilities open to you and learn about recruitment processes and the culture of different workplaces.

Manage career

Manage your career actively, make the most of opportunities and learn from setbacks.

Create Opportunities

Create opportunities by being proactive and building positive relationships with others.

Balance life and work

Balance your life as a worker and/or entrepreneur with your wellbeing, other interests and your involvement with your family and community.

See the big picture

See the big picture by paying attention to how the economy, politics and society connect with your own life and career.

From the New Career Development Framework (thecdi.net)

KS3 – What should I be doing?



Reflect

What makes you, you? Think about what is important to you. When you imagine the best version of you in the future, what do you see? Try a personality quiz.



Be Curious

Find out about people's jobs and careers. Start by asking the adults you know about what they do at work and how they ended up doing the jobs that they are doing.



Get Involved

You will only find out what you are good at by trying lots of new things. Be okay with failing, be prepared to learn from mistakes.

KS3 – What should I be doing?



Be Helpful

There are lots of opportunities in school to show people that you want to help. Your positive attitude will be remembered, and people are more likely to come to you with more ideas of what you can get involved with.



Become an Entrepreneur

Raise funds for a charity that is doing work that you care about. Find ways to supplement your pocket money. Get ideas and help from adults that you trust.



Watch the news

News on the TV is more reliable than some of news sources you find online. Find out what is going on in the world around you, and talk to lots of people about it to get different views.

KS4 – What should I be doing?



Reflect

Consider the skills you have been developing. What are your strengths and weaknesses? What can you do to develop your skills?



Investigate Your Options

Research A Level subjects and vocational qualifications. Is Sixth Form, college or an apprenticeship right for you? Different qualifications lead to different job opportunities. Find out more at the **NCW Virtual Careers Fair**.



Prepare A CV

Ask for feedback. What is your CV lacking? Now is the time to think about building work experience and skills that you can talk about.

KS4 – What should I be doing?



Look for opportunities to gain experience

Experience of work will help you to develop skills.

A part time job or volunteering is a great way to gain work experience.

There are also virtual work experience schemes which school can direct you to.



Be mindful of your community

Look to help others to achieve. Your family, your friends and your school can all benefit from your time and your attention. Involve them in what you want to achieve and be involved in helping them.



Learn about the issues that shape your world

There are some organisations and companies that understand they have the power to do good work and look after their work force. Learn about how society works, globalisation, ethics and ethical behaviour.

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