

Careers – Student Area

Your time at secondary school between the ages of 11 and 16 is such a small span of time in your life. However, it is incredibly important in helping you to realise your hopes and ambitions for the future.

During your time at EOTAS, you not only study your academic subjects, you will also explore many wider aspects of life. You will develop the knowledge, skill and qualities that you need to be successful for life in general. A significant part of this is your preparation for working life and your future career.

By the time you leave at 16, you will have started to have an idea of what career you wish to pursue in the future. You will most certainly know what your next steps are after your GCSEs, as a result of careful exploration and consideration of your future options. From years 7 to 11, you will have had access to a range of experiences and guidance about the training and education available to you after GCSEs and beyond. You will have also learned how to research and plan for your future and even identify when you should adapt or even change your plans.

You will develop these skills through the Personal Development Curriculum. Equally, you will also receive delivery through your academic subjects, where it is important to understand the significance of what you learn there for your future lives.

The key people in helping you to plan for your future are:

- Your Form Tutor - who delivers the Personal Development Curriculum and is also the person who knows you best.
- The Careers Adviser - who gives individual careers advice and guidance to students in years 10 and 11.
- The Careers Lead - who negotiates for your opportunities with outside agencies.

Useful Resources

- <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/> - This is a government website that provides information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work.
- <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/> - This is a superb website which has been designed for students your age living in the South West and offers lots of different ways of investigating your options. Try it out and you will not be disappointed!
- <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/> - A great website to find out about the different types of apprenticeships available, as well as vacancies in each year.
- <https://www.swindon.gov.uk/optionsat16> - Swindon Council's website devoted to telling you about your post-16 options in the town.
- <https://ideas4careers.co.uk/school-services/careerometer/> - This website has a "careerometer", which lets you explore different jobs, their average wages, working hours and predicted trends for the future. A good resource for finding out local labour market information.
- <https://discoveruni.org.uk/is-uni-for-me/> - A website that gives information about what is involved in going to university. University is an investment of at least three years of your life and quite a lot of money. It is worth looking at this site to decide if it really is for you.
- <https://www.ukcoursefinder.com/> - A handy website if you cannot think about what you would like to study at university.

- <https://www.theguardian.com/education/universityguide> - This website gives guidance on every course in the UK, comparing them in different universities. If you are planning ahead a few years, this will make interesting reading.
- [Swindon and Wiltshire - LMI](#) - National Careers Service, Labour Market Information
- [Careers Explorer](#) - Find out about different careers, opportunities in the local job market and information on courses and apprenticeships
- <https://www.barclayslifeskills.com> - Life skills helps young people to build a job hunting toolbox , identify skills, gain experience and be inspired by a range of you tube videos on various industries
- <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk> - NCS provide information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work. They have advisors on hand via phone and live chat to answer any careers related questions you may have
- <https://amazingapprenticeships.com> A quick overview, at what is an exciting time for apprenticeships, of all the essentials you need to know.



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