

Careers Curriculum Intent

At Vyners School we are determined to ensure that all our students from KS3 to KS5 have exceptionally high quality impartial and professional career guidance and career opportunities to progress on suitable courses, employment, and leave school to join the Work-Life. We are determined to support our students in making well-informed decisions by providing various careers guidance sessions. It could be either one or Careers based mini-courses to develop their core skills and help them achieve the best in everything they do.

We support students by providing them access to differentiated, impartial and professional independent advice and guidance about the range of options ranging from Academic, Vocational, Apprenticeships & Tailored Careers Map.

The advice is crucial as this support will help them to achieve their ambitions and long term goals. By developing an excellent Careers program with extracurricular STEM activities we are giving our students the best careers, education & guidance is vital to improving their motivation to learn and help them achieve.

Careers plays a crucial part within the Ofsted Inspection framework. Most careers elements are present within the curriculum but according to Ofsted Careers should be developed within after school clubs and designated careers allocated timings such as tutorials. So therefore to meet the government requirements Tutorial time is used to run mini careers sessions which help the students to understand careers and participate in meaningful conversations with peers and teachers about "Next Steps".

Link to Work Related Learning Policy

Within Years 7 & 8 Students are supported and introduced to the concept of careers and identifying self-evaluation of what skills are and how these skills can be continuously developed and enhanced. There is a Careers Curriculum intent document with pre-designed documents which is shared and taught over the tutorial allocated time in the mornings. Year 7 students tutorial Programme aims to help students to understand more about themselves (self-development), know where to look for useful information (careers exploration) and plan for the future (career management). Students take part in the Self-development Careers sessions during Form time, in weekly careers activities. Students are introduced to the concept of University and "Next Steps" is embedded into their understanding very early on. Currently under development and already existing in Uniforg students have access to Vyners TALK & Uniforg to gain a deeper understanding of different Career Sectors

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During Year 8 students are further developing skill sets they have identified and enhance these by having opportunities to participate in STEM Careers Clubs and Young Enterprise Careers Events such as Dyson and more Engineering and STEM-based careers/curriculum and super curricular activities.

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Young enterprise careers days and events are amplified and have a deeper meaning as Students within Years 9-11 use these to gain and develop their presentation and communications skills. Selected girls attend the Women of the World Event.

All students take part in multiple Careers Week activities and Young enterprise careers Day. Selected Students including PP Students attend the University Careers Fair at Brunel University and Uxbridge College to experience further education at college doing vocational type qualifications, apprenticeship and receive aspirational visits at Brunel University to spark a deeper drive to further education. STEM Careers Clubs are open to all students to develop their STEM and employability skills via a number of school-oriented clubs and online virtual activities involving online virtual clubs and super curricular activities.





KS4	Careers is a key focus at KS4 with a strong focus on supporting students with their 'next steps' beyond Year 11. Year 11 is a very crucial year for the students as they will have put their "Next Steps" planning into action. All students including PP students would have had their 1:1 independent careers appointment within this year to allow them to receive independent professional advice. Students to require additional support and guidance will have had additional appointments with the SLT Team and Head of Careers to finalise their choices. Students have access to the ILR (Interactive Lesson Resource) which allows students to look at careers based videos and activities to help them finalise and develop a discussion point on their "Next Steps". Tutors and Year Leaders have access to the Careers & STEM Google Classroom which has over 50 Careers Sessions available for Tutors to re-assign to their Tutorial classes. These sessions are designed by Universities and professional bodies to help develop a deeper understanding of their careers options and help them identify their skill sets.
KS5	Sixth form students have a separate Careers content which is very tailored to the students "Next Steps" such as Apprenticeships, University, Higher Education Colleges and the world of work. Regular Careers talks during PSHE time including Vyners very own Yearly Careers Week and Careers events which are all designed to help students gather the necessary knowledge and expertise to develop a robust "Next Steps" initiative.