

## Parental Information regarding Careers

The Careers Department recognises the key role parents play in helping students consider the choices facing them.

**Making choices:** an important part of our student guidance system involves helping students to make career choices. Help with this is available from College careers staff, tutors and subject staff. Students are advised to research career opportunities as soon as appropriate.

Appointments are available Monday – Friday for students for a 1-1 careers interview to discuss individual career plans. (This has been offered through Microsoft Teams during the Covid lockdowns and can be requested via a Teams booking form on Pearltrees and also via email [careersadvice@stmarysblackburn.ac.uk](mailto:careersadvice@stmarysblackburn.ac.uk) ).

Throughout the year there are a range of activities as detailed on the careers calendar -although this has been subject to change this year. There is a specific tutorial programme for each Year group which is updated on a weekly basis and students are seen on a regular basis by their tutor.

In general terms we usually hold an annual higher education evening, careers fair and employment fair for level 3 students. This year we have maintained contact via tutorial promoting work experience and university visits virtually when appropriate. We have also offered workshops with a range of employers and universities. For those students choosing an employment route when they leave College, we offer employability workshops throughout the year to support with CV writing, application forms, personal statements and mock interviews.

Year 12 have been encouraged to attend on-line talks delivered in College via invited speakers, attend external talks with employers and universities. We encourage students to consider university summer schools and they are available to students according to specific eligibility. We also encourage Year 12 to consider virtual work experience and to contact Mrs Gannon for support.

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For one year level 1 and 2 students we have written to parents, created a One Year Students Hub (with resources) and contacted students individually.

The Careers Calendar is a useful resource which can be found on this page,

All students are encouraged to use on line resources including Pearltrees where there is extensive help and links to a wide variety of resources.

There are a range of websites to explore-please see below.

For more information please email [careersadvice@stmarysblackburn.ac.uk](mailto:careersadvice@stmarysblackburn.ac.uk)