

Year 10 Careers Newsletter

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The summer holidays are fast approaching and it will not be long before you commence your final year of lower school and all that this entails. One important aspect of Year 11 is making applications for your Post-16 choices, whether you are considering moving on to Sixth Form, starting a course at college or beginning your employment journey through an apprenticeship.

Post-16 Plans

The Careers Department team look forward to working closely with you in the coming months to support you in planning the best transition for you.

However, help is still available during the remainder of Year 10 if you would like further information, advice and guidance on transitioning to Sixth Form, college or an apprenticeship.

You may have specific questions regarding courses, entry qualifications, transport, progression after the course, work experience or the application process and we will be happy to help you discover the answers.

Please contact us if you would like to request an individual careers meeting on careersstaff@staidans.co.uk or 01423 815834. Appointments can be either in person within school or virtually via Teams. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend but due to current COVID restrictions we can only offer this via Teams.

Virtual Work Experience

We would encourage Year 10 students to take advantage of some of the amazing virtual work-related opportunities available during May half-term and beyond. Companies are keen to open the eyes of young people to the fast moving and fascinating world of work that awaits them and have invested considerable resources in putting together well thought out and bespoke programmes.

Many opportunities are one day only providing students with a snapshot of careers and professions they might never have considered and can be hosted by national or global companies, normally inaccessible to young people. Most companies issue certificates of completion which students can add to their CV's and all will give students invaluable experience and help develop work related skills.

Feedback from students who have already taken part has been excellent, most reporting a very high-quality experience with life-changing, light bulb moments!

"The week exceeded my expectations - not only did it help my knowledge of the construction industry, it also gave me some important life skills..... a project with people I had never met before from all different walks of life..... taught me how to get the best out of people I do not know. I also improved my presenting skills as I had to present my project to 30 people."

"I really enjoyed my work experience with Tesco HQ. During the week, we were tasked with completing a business case much like the one that the finance team would put together. The people running the placement were incredibly supportive and provided lots of resources."

"I really enjoyed the content – there were some very interesting career talks, with my favourite linking to climate change research journals, and a group competition to create a magazine."

For more information on work experience opportunities please go to <https://www.staidans.co.uk/careers-st-aidans/careers-year-10/> . Click on the red button at the top of the page to see all the forthcoming opportunities. The page is regularly updated and there will be more opportunities over the summer.

For more details on any of these opportunities please contact Mrs Farrar, Work Experience Coordinator at m.farrar@staidans.co.uk

