

Year 11 Careers Newsletter

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Now that Year 11 is drawing to a close the Careers Department would like to wish you every success with your Post-16 plans, whether you will be moving on to the Associated Sixth Form or another school, starting a course at college or beginning your employment journey through an apprenticeship.

We have enjoyed working with you during your time in school and our support is still available until the end of the academic year.

Post-16 Plans

If you would like some further information, advice and guidance on transitioning to Sixth Form, college or an apprenticeship we will be happy to help you. You may have specific questions regarding transport, entry qualifications, costs, length of course, hours spent on the course during the week, progression after the course, work experience or interviews and we will be happy to help you discover the answers. We can recommend resources for short, free online courses which you may wish to consider in preparation for your future plans, such as [Future Learn](#). We can also support you to consider a back-up plan should you change your mind regarding your future plans or your available options change.

Virtual Work Experience

We would encourage you 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-11/>. 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

Applying for Part-Time Employment

If you are looking for your first job to fit around your ongoing education and training we can help you to prepare a CV and letter of application, the documents which summarise your education skills and experience and enable you to sell your abilities to prospective employers.

For help with any of the above please contact us on careersstaff@staidans.co.uk or 01423 815834 to organise an individual meeting which 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.

