



NS Careers

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Introducing Careers at Nether Stowe

I am pleased to introduce to the first edition of NSC News, (Nether Stowe Careers) a regular newsletter for all things careers related at Nether Stowe School. This newsletter will give a summary of work done in school and upcoming events linked to careers and how you can best support your child in this area.

Who are we?

Careers lead

In school our careers lead is Miss A Rose, who co-ordinates the whole school careers plan.



Careers advisor

Our independent careers advisor is Mike Gilbert from Entrust, who was a former pupil of Nether Stowe himself.



What do we do?

In school we support careers through a number of avenues which include PSHE careers days, one per academic year, per year group. New this year is a weekly careers activity during tutor time, which is focused on employability skills and educating students on different jobs based on a whole school career survey.

Where can I access information?

We have also developed our school website which hosts a range of resources for including an overview of the careers program in school and a scheme of work to explain in detail what this entails. If you haven't looked at this yet please head over to:

<https://netherstowe.com/index.php/careers-at-nether-stowe>

Also all pupils in KS3 and KS4 has been given a careers roadmap which lets them know what careers education they will receive, and an overview of the employability skills we are developing in tutor.

Tutor time activities

A new feature of our careers program this year has been developing our tutor time to include sessions on careers. We initially looked at the careers program overview in school as well as the roadmap to specifically focus on each year groups careers provision. During the weekly and fortnightly sessions we have been learning about employability soft skills based on the Skills Builder Program. All students have been introduced the 8 skills which they will be developing further in the next half term.



START profile

Another avenue of support we have developed is signing up to the online careers platform called START.

All pupils will have created a profile on the website which they can access both in school and at home. The platform offers independent careers advice to pupils from Year 7 to 13 and especially in those key years at school: GCSE options in Year 9, post-16 options in Year 11 and post-18 options in Year 13. By creating a profile on the website all students have created their own personal electronic 'locker' in this they can store evidence and information from careers experiences both in and out of school, this can then be reflected back on during key points when needed such as during application writing. We encourage you to look at this platform with your children as you have your careers discussions with them.

Further information will be emailed directly to you about this.

Please visit the website:

<https://www.startprofile.com/>



PSHE Career days 2020

- Year 11 – Friday 20th November 2020
- Year 12 and 13 – Wednesday 9th December 2020
- Year 9 – Mon 1st February 2021
- Year 10 – Wednesday 17th March 2021
- Year 8 – Friday 25th June 2021
- Year 7 – Tuesday 13th July 2021

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Years 11 and 13 career interviews

As part of the individual guidance offered for our students all pupils in Year 11 and 13 will be having a careers interview with our independent careers advisor Mike Gilbert.

He works with pupils to discuss their current plans, career goals and supports them individually with their pathway options. These career interviews have already started and take place on Monday and Tuesday within school. Following the interview each pupil is given an electronic copy of their created action plan. This is also emailed to parents / carers too, so firstly please ensure your email address on the school system is the most up to date. Secondly, following the interview please use the action plan to have continued discussions at home about career pathways and use the action plan to discuss plans with them.

Many colleges, 6th forms and universities will be offering virtual open days at present so students interested in these options should ensure these are attended to give them information. For those looking at apprenticeships in the parents' section of the school website, there are monthly updated parental packs to support and guide.

Parental support network

As well using our past students to support our school careers program we are also aware there is a wealth of information and guidance from our Nether Stowe parents and carers. If you would like to support the school careers program in a variety of ways please get in touch. We are looking for people to offer any of the following and more: virtual or physical career talks, career videos, leaflets or literature on your workplace or job, small group work, developing careers in subject lessons, etc. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you can help.

