

Careers Information for Parents/Carers

We want our young people to leave our school:

- with an understanding of the world of work
- prepared for their next step - whether that is education, employment or training
- supported and encouraged so they can reach their full potential.

A new report has recently been published, the Gatsby report, which provides a benchmark for best practice, that we are working hard towards. The key elements of this are:

- A stable careers programme
- Learning from career and labour market information
- Addressing the needs of each pupil
- Linking curriculum learning to careers
- Encounters with employers and employees
- Experiences of workplaces
- Encounters with FE and HE
- Personal guidance

We are proud of the work that we do to help young people prepare for their next step. Some of the activities and support students can take part in include:

- Careers resources such as First JED which are useful to help students to find out more about jobs that interest them. We have purchased a site licence for First JED which meets the particular needs of our students, with reduced text, lots of visual imagery including videos and pictures and support such as text to read for those students that need this additional support. This can also be accessed at home through a password which can be requested from school.
- We arrange visitors into school from the world of work – this can be part of individual lessons such as a bank employee visiting to talk about money management or more general visits to assemblies or other activities
- We arrange work experience for a number of our students from Year 10 and above, so that they can gain an understanding of the world of work.
- We organise visits from some local organisations such as MK College, Moulton College, MK Christian Foundation, MK Snap, Youth Faculty Service and many more and often invite these community partners to attend parents evenings to help you to find out more about possible next steps for your children.
- We organise visits and taster sessions at places such as MK College, MK Christian Foundation and MK Snap, which can broaden student's experience and help to prepare them for their next step.
- We offer sessions run by a local employability charity called Worktree who run Career Workout sessions. In these sessions students can meet people from work and take part in team activities.
- All students in Year 11 and sixth form receive personal guidance from our Careers Advisor.

Careers information websites

www.plotr.co.uk

www.icould.com

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

Job Explorer Database – can be accessed in school and also at home – ask in school for the password and more details.

How parents can help?

Sometimes parents ask how they can help in terms of providing information and support. Here are some suggestions that you may wish to consider:

- Accessing the First JED – Job Explorer Database at home with your children will be very useful.
- Talk to them about the world of work in general terms – what you like and dislike about your own role, the jobs of those they know and come into contact with, some of the challenges and realities of the working world – as this helps them to build up a picture of the working world around them.
- If your son/daughter is in Year 11 or sixth form they will have a careers appointment in the Autumn term. Encourage them to discuss this with you.
- Help them to weigh up the advantages and disadvantages of different routes and how these may suit them as individuals.
- Encourage them to start planning early
- Talk to our community partners at our parents evenings.

If you have any comments or suggestions about our careers provision please do let us know.