

Careers and University Advice

The College provides a comprehensive programme to ensure that all students receive relevant and useful information to aid their development of skills needed to make a successful transition from education into the workplace.

1st Form

All students to receive initial careers advice through the PSHE programme in the Summer Term. All students will be enrolled with the Morrisby organisation to help with career choices. All students introduced to the Fast Tomatoes software.

3rd Form

All students have one to one meetings with the Careers Adviser in the Lent term whilst deciding their GCSE options.

Whole year group taken off timetable for one day seminar entitled "The Wonderful World of Work" with a visiting specialist careers consultant.

4th Form

All students attend the What Career Live? What University Live? event at the NEC Birmingham in the Lent Term. They will have the opportunity to talk to employers and universities alike.

5th Form

All Fifth formers take Morrisby tests (eligibility comes with 1st Form enrolment or subsequent joining). Students receive a personalised report.

All students have one to one meetings with the Careers Adviser in the Michaelmas term. Post-GCSE options are discussed in an impartial manner.

There is a "Progression to Sixth Form" evening in the Michaelmas term which is attended by both parents and students. Again, guidance is tailored to A Levels and beyond. Alternative advice for non-Sixth Form options is also given.

Students are advised to seek work experience in the final week of the Summer Term. The Denstone Association is available to help facilitate this through OD links.

Introduction to 6th Form Conference before the start of the L6th focuses on key areas such as employability and progression to university. Students who left the U6th the previous year attend a workshop to pass on advice based on their experiences.

Lower 6th Form

Careers course run by Futurewise are offered to all. Other relevant courses are also distributed accordingly.

Other careers experience is offered on a regular basis e.g. JCB, Jaguar Land Rover

Potential medics sent on Medlink, paid for by the College. Other courses, such as Vetlink, are well-publicised.

Careers library in the Library regularly updated with material from professional organisations and universities.

There is a Higher Education morning in Lent term in conjunction with a leading university. This event is attended by students and parents.

Students are advised to seek work experience in the Easter holidays. The Denstone Association is available to help facilitate this through OD links.

Universities visit College on a regular basis to give presentations about their institutions.

University visits arranged in the Summer term to Oxbridge and leading Russell group universities.

HE opportunities abroad are explored through visits to fairs (i.e. Fulbright Commission) and by presentations given by international universities (Sydney, Florida State et al.).
The opportunity for individual meetings is a service also offered to students and parents.
Contact established with ODs currently at university to share experience of specific courses and universities.

Upper Sixth Form

UCAS clinic is run every Tuesday and Thursday during activities. Appointments can be made through the week and on Saturday mornings when both student and adviser are free.

All students receive one to one guidance and advice from the Careers Adviser.

Results Day service – a team of three dedicated staff provide a comprehensive service on the day to aid students with the decision making process.

The Careers Adviser is available for consultation and advice from results day right through to the start of term and potentially beyond.

Careers Seminars

A comprehensive programme of careers Seminars are offered through the school year. There are usually two or three a term. A talk on Gap Years is also provided. These are open to all members of the Middle and Senior School. The object is to provide information on a diverse number of careers and professions. Examples in the last two years have included such areas as entrepreneurship, management consultancy, and surveying. Seminars specifically looking at the opportunities offered by higher and degree apprenticeships take place regularly.

Denstone Association

The Denstone Association runs careers days at which ODs are invited to address interested students in specialist careers. Recent examples have been Medicine, Law, and Finance. A STEM society is planned for early next year.