

Ansford Academy Careers Programme 2025/26 - Information for Parents and Carers

December 2025					
Year group	Activity	When	What is the purpose?	Where	Information / How you could support your child
7-11	Careers assemblies	W/C 1/12/25	<p>To increase awareness of post-16 options and career pathways. Students will learn about a range of future routes, including sixth form, college, apprenticeships and vocational options, to broaden their understanding of what is available after Year 11.</p> <p>To help students recognise the skills, qualities and achievements valued by employers and further education providers. Students will reflect on their own strengths and learn how these relate to different career sectors and opportunities.</p> <p>To support informed decision-making and next-step planning. Students will gain practical guidance on preparing for applications, researching courses and setting personal goals, enabling them to take meaningful action towards their future plans.</p>	In school	<p>Choosing Options</p> <p>Resources for Choosing Which Career</p>
11	Strode College taster day	4/12/25	<p>To develop an informed understanding of post-16 pathways Students will explore different course options, qualification types and learning environments to help them make confident, well-informed decisions about their next steps after Year 11.</p> <p>To experience college-style learning and expectations Students will participate in sample lessons or activities, gaining insight into teaching styles, study skills, independence and behaviour expectations typical of a college setting.</p> <p>To build confidence in transitioning to a new educational environment Students will familiarise themselves with the college campus, staff and support services, helping reduce anxiety and increasing their readiness for the move to post-16 education</p>	Strode College	<p>Post 16 Routes</p>

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11	Preparing for 1 to 1 careers guidance meetings	16/12/25	<p>To reflect on personal interests, strengths and future aspirations Students will consider what they enjoy, what motivates them and what they hope to achieve, helping them enter their meeting with a clearer sense of direction.</p> <p>To develop an understanding of the post-16 options available Students will review possible pathways—such as sixth form, college courses and apprenticeships—so they can discuss these confidently and ask informed questions during their meeting.</p> <p>To complete the required pre-meeting tasks to support a productive discussion Students will gather relevant information, complete the online preparation form and think about any concerns or questions they want to raise, ensuring the careers meeting is focused and meaningful.</p>	School event	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Y11 About Your Careers Meeting Presentation Ansford Academy.pptx</p>
11	Yeovil College Assembly	9/12/25	<p>Increase Understanding of Post-16 Pathways Students will gain a clear overview of the full range of courses and pathways available after Year 11—such as A levels, vocational qualifications, apprenticeships, and specialist programmes—so they can make informed choices about their next steps.</p> <p>Build Awareness of Skills, Expectations, and Opportunities Students will learn about the skills colleges look for, what successful learners do, and the opportunities available both within the college and beyond, helping them understand how post-16 study connects to future careers.</p> <p>Develop Confidence in Making Post-16 Decisions Students will leave the assembly feeling more confident about the decision-making process, knowing where to seek advice, how to compare options, and what actions they need to take to prepare for applications, interviews, and transitions.</p>	School event	

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8	BAE Systems Flying Start	W.C 1/12/25	<p>1. Develop Awareness of STEM Careers and Industry Links Students will gain an understanding of the wide range of STEM careers within engineering, aerospace, and advanced technologies, and see how companies like BAE Systems contribute to real-world innovation.</p> <p>2. Build Problem-Solving and Teamwork Skills Through Practical Challenge Students will engage in hands-on activities that mirror real engineering tasks, helping them develop key skills such as creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and resilience—skills that are essential in modern STEM workplaces.</p> <p>3. Inspire Future Aspirations by Connecting Classroom Learning to Real Engineering Students will recognise how subjects like science, maths, and technology are applied in industry, helping them make meaningful links between their learning and future pathways, and encouraging them to consider STEM options in later years.</p>	After school event	https://flyingstartchallenge.com
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COMING UP IN JANUARY

Careers Lesson 3

The introduction of Unifrog [a fantastic website / app which provides students and parents with careers and guidance resources]

Apprenticeship opportunities and information

- [Thales Apprenticeships](#).
- [Mars Pet Care](#) – 2 x Operations Apprenticeships – Castle Cary. Age 16+ £20,000 + bonuses

Follow the [Somerset Careers Hub](#) Parent Facebook page

[Student & Parent Padlet](#) contains current events and opportunities in Somerset

[Choosing Options](#). [Post 16 Routes](#) [Post 18 Routes](#) [Resources for Choosing Which Career](#). [Companies With Apprenticeships](#).