

St Patrick's Catholic College Careers Curriculum

A full and comprehensive careers curriculum is embedded within St Patrick's curriculum. Not only is careers education delivered through our PSHE programme for Years 7 - 11, individual subject areas also make the links to career pathways from the skills and knowledge they deliver.

We welcome visitors into school from the world of work and have built up good working relationships with local employers in the area. Visits to work places and post 16 providers occur regularly throughout differing Year groups within the school.

Below is an outline of the Careers Curriculum that is delivered within St Patrick's.

Year 7

Careers- Job sector explosion

Labour market information (LMI) and the range of roles in different job sectors.

What skills and qualities are and identifying your own skills and qualities in relation to your dream job.

What motivates you to go to work.

Students will have started to reflect on their own potential. They will consider their personal motivators in a career. What does success looks like to them.

Key Vocabulary

Labour Market Information
Job Sector
Skill
Quality
Business Ambassador
Career Progression



Year 8

Careers- Employability

To learn about employment contracts and employability skills.

To understand the importance of your own online appearance/ profile and digital footprint.

To learn how volunteering benefits your future career and employability.

To understand how different social media platforms are used in different industries, and how to apply this knowledge to the industry the student is interested in pursuing.

Key Vocabulary

Employment
Contract
Employability
Online Profile
Digital Footprint
Volunteering

Year 9

Careers- Future Choices

How to choose your GCSE Options and how to make the best decisions.

Different courses available when leaving school, including where St Patrick's students move onto when leaving us. Students will understand the importance of making informed College and Sixth Form choices based on factors important to them.

Key Vocabulary

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Employability
Online Profile
Digital Footprint
Volunteering



Different apprenticeship options when leaving school and how to start your own business. To understand what apprenticeships are and identify the different industry sectors you can do apprenticeships in.

Students will have started to reflect on their own potential. They will consider their personal motivators in a career. What does success looks like to them?

Year 10

Careers - CVs

About CV's and their importance, including the use of digital CV's and their benefits in job recruitment.

Covering letters, their purpose, how to structure one and what information to include.

Different interview methods and strategies to prepare for them in order to be successful.

Students will learn what is appropriate behaviour in the workplace, what is expected of them and what they should expect from their work experience employer.

Students will learn about health and safety in the workplace. They will also look at commonly displayed safety signage, how to

Key Vocabulary

LinkedIn
Recruitment
Digital CV
Curriculum Vitae
Interview
Online
Application



recognise the different types, and a short exercise to test their knowledge.

Year 11

Careers - Future Planning

To compare Post 16 Providers of education and training, based on their suitability for your career path.

To evaluate the suitability of Post 16 Providers based on your needs.

About the importance of a Plan A, Plan B and Plan C when future planning.

To understand employment rights in relation to apprenticeships.

To be able to recognise the skill of resilience and improve it.

Key Vocabulary

Application
College
Training provider
Apprenticeship
Career Path
Careers Interview



1:1 Careers Interviews

All students receive 1:1 careers advice from an experienced and appropriately qualified careers advisor. In order to ensure that our pupils are informed of all of the options that are open to them, careers interviews are not limited to just Year 11 students.

Year 9

1:1 Careers advice is available to all Year 9 pupils who request it. This is something that is encouraged, particularly around the time when students are selecting the subjects that they wish to study at GCSE.

In addition to this, Year 9 students also have the opportunity to meet with a careers advisor from the Tees Collaborative Trust who provide independent advice.

Year 10

All students receive 1:1 careers advice during Year 10. Pupils are also able to seek additional support when it is appropriate for them to do so.

Year 11

Year 11 students receive a full package of Careers Guidance. Pupils are given independent advice and support encompassing all options open to them. Support is also provided in completing applications for future destinations. Applications to colleges and Post 16 providers are meticulously tracked to ensure that all pupils are applying for courses that suitably aspirational and cater for their individual needs.

Additional support is also provided by the Local Authority for some of our pupils. This is to further ensure that all students have sufficient guidance and support in securing Post 16 destinations to suit their individual needs.



Links with Higher Education

At St Patrick's we have established strong links with a range of local and national Higher Education Establishments. Once again these opportunities are not limited to Year 11 pupils. Strong working links exist between St Patrick's and Teesside University, Durham University as well as Oxbridge Universities. Our pupils have the opportunities to visit Higher Education Establishments and meet students, participate in workshops whilst being exposed to the opportunities open to them. Visits from a range of Universities into school are also well established and provide our pupils with valuable insight into what it takes to get to university, what life is like there and the opportunities that present themselves to Graduates.

Visits with St Patrick's Catholic College

Throughout the school year pupils receive both visits and have the opportunity to visit workplaces and Post 16 providers. Below is a list of some of the opportunities available to all pupils within St Patrick's.

Caterpillar Workplace visit

Bring It On – STEM event

Year 7 and 8 - RAF STEM Roadshow

University of York – Science Curriculum Link

Visit to Cambridge University (Tees Collaborative Trust) Year 10 students.

Tees Collaborative Trust Careers Mentoring - 1:1 careers advice for Year 9 students

Nissan Workplace visit

Arctic Mountaineer presentation for Year 10 students

Royal Marines Visiting Team

Y11 Planning My Future Evening - Market place of colleges and apprenticeship providers.

Y11 Career Advice 1-1

ESH Building My Skills for Year 10 students.

FMPS Christmas Maths Lecture Y10

Choose My Future – Teesside University – for Year 8 and 9 pupils

Hartlepool Power Station Workplace Visit and Curriculum Link

Durham University Y9 Higher Aspirations Campus Visit

College Carousel Assemblies

National Citizen Service Assemblies and Drop in