

Careers Education Information and Guidance at Shevington High School

Autumn Term

Welcome to our Autumn Term Newsletter



What is on offer?

In this issue we will provide you with information about what is on offer at Shevington High School

- An introduction to the Xello online careers program.
- Careers Education in PSHEC
- Meet our Careers Advisor
- Careers Fair
- Year 11 preparation for work - college visits, applications & interviews

We work with a range of providers to provide additional experiences and encounters to address the needs of all students. Throughout the year we will keep you updated on our CEIAG offer.

If you require any further information please contact Mrs Ince-Sargeson.



Xello is an online careers education program your child is using in school to help them prepare for the future. It offers a variety of activities that are suitable for children from 11 to 18 years old. These activities help students build self-knowledge, explore their options, and create achievable plans. They develop the 21st-century skills needed to thrive in the world of work.

[Click here to find out more](#)

Every student has a Xello account which they can access through the student portal. Students will be using this program during base group over the year to complete a range of lessons.

Year 7	School subjects at work	Interests	Time Management
Year 8	Explore Learning Styles	Discover Learning Pathways	Biases and Career Choices
Year 9	Self-Advocacy	Skills	Explore Career Matches
Year 10	Getting Experience	Personality Styles	Study Skills and Habits
Year 11	Work Values	Workplace Skills and Attitudes	Transition to Further Education

Another fantastic feature is the Explore option which provides access to up to date information of a range of careers, further and higher education providers and pathways. This is a great tool to use at home to explore options.

EXPLORE OPTIONS

The screenshot displays the 'EXPLORE OPTIONS' interface with the following sections:

- Careers (500+):** Lists professions such as Legal Executive (£28,000 - £305,547), Barrister (£30,000 - £1,000,000), Judge (£34,793 - £230,717), Lawyer (£25,666 - £100,000), and Solicitor (£25,000 - £100,000).
- Colleges & universities (500+):** Lists institutions like Bath Spa University, Askham Bryan College, Gateway Sixth Form Coll..., Accrington and Rossend..., and Bishop Grosseteste Univ...
- Courses & apprenticeships (40,000+):** Lists fields such as Business, Finance, & Law; Health, Care, & Public Services; Construction & Planning; Land-based & Animal Care; Engineering & Manufacturing; Science & Maths; Information Technology; Education; Arts & Media; Retail & Enterprise; Humanities; Social Sciences; Languages, Literature, & Culture; and Leisure, Travel, & Tourism.
- Pathways:** A section titled 'Which pathway will you take?' with options:
 - College or Sixth Form: Study at a school sixth form or college
 - Military: Train for a career in the armed forces
 - Supported Work or Living: Get work and basic life skills training
 - University: Take a university course
 - Straight to Work: Get on the job training
 - Gap Year: Take time off to save money, travel, or volunteer
 - Apprenticeship: Continue on the job training and classroom instruction
 - Entrepreneurship: Start your own business

Careers Education in PSHEC

In addition to learning about careers across the curriculum students benefit from dedicated Careers sessions in their PSHEC lessons. See below for a sample of what is on offer.

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 - Developing skills and aspirations Careers, teamwork and enterprise skills, and raising aspirations.
 - Financial decision making Saving, borrowing, budgeting and making financial choices.
 - Begin using Xello.

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 - Equality of opportunity in careers and life choices, and different types and patterns of work.
 - Continued use of Xello.

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 - Setting goals Learning strengths, career options and goal setting as part of the GCSE options process, career action planning, CV writing.
 - Continued use of Xello.
 - Employability skills: Employability and online presence.

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 - Financial decision making; The impact of financial decisions, debt, gambling and the impact of advertising on financial choices.
 - Preparation for and evaluation of readiness for work.
 - Continued use of Xello.

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 - College application process and your post-16 plan.
 - Application help.
 - Career identity.
 - Part time work and employability.
 - Continued use of Xello.

Meet our Careers Advisor



Our students benefit from having an independent careers advisor in school two days a week.

Lucy Gillespie is our Careers Advisor based in school. Lucy conducts pupil-focused, impartial, personal career guidance interviews with pupils which challenge and support them to make informed, realistic and adaptable career decisions based on self and opportunity awareness, aspirations, motivation, confidence and approach to learning and which, if necessary, broaden their horizons. All Year 11 pupils will be having Career Guidance interviews over the Autumn/Winter term to support in their Post 16 Transition. If required pupils may have more than one interview. Lucy is also available for any pupils who may benefit from a Careers Guidance interview.

Careers Fair 2023

All students in year 9, 10 and 11 will be attending our annual Careers Fair on Thursday 16th November. We look forward to welcoming the local colleges, Edge Hill University and representatives from a range of businesses to share their career pathways.

The aim of our Careers Fair is to provide our students with an opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations with a wide number of employers and professionals to provide some inspiration and guidance for our students.



College Open Evenings

We recommend that students apply to 3 colleges

Winstanley College

Wednesday 18th October

(5pm-8pm)

Wednesday 1st November

(5pm-8pm)

St John Rigby College

Wednesday 18th October

(4.30pm-7.30pm)

Thursday 9th November

(4.30pm-7.30pm)

Wigan and Leigh College Wigan Dates- Parsons Walk

Monday 6th November

(4.30pm-7.30pm), Monday 29th

January (4.30pm-7.30pm),

Monday 22nd April

(4.30pm-7.30pm)

Leigh Dates- Leigh Sports Village

Monday 13th

November(4.30pm-7.30pm),

Monday 5th

February(4.30pm-7.30pm)

Runshaw College

Tuesday 21st November
(4pm-8pm)

Wednesday 6th March
(4pm-8pm)

West Lancs

Thursday 23rd November
(4.30pm-7.30pm)

**Warrington and Vale Royal
College**

Wednesday 18th October
(5pm-8pm)
Monday 6th November
(5pm-8pm)

Priestley College

Weds 4th Oct (5-8pm), Thursday
5th Oct (5-8pm), Sat 4th Nov
(10am-12:30pm), Wednesday
15th Nov (5pm-8pm)

Myerscough College

Saturday 18th November
(10am-1pm)

Year 11 preparation for work

College visits

Following on from their college visits in the summer term we continue to welcome a range of providers in to deliver assemblies to year 11 to support them to consider what their options may be post 16. They have provided information on the provision of offer, the application process and labour market information.

Local colleges will also be attending all year 10 and 11 parents evenings.

The prospectus for each college is available on their website but if you would prefer paper copies please contact Mr Waterworth who has a range in school.

Application workshop

We recommend that all students apply to at least 3 providers of further education.

Our Careers advisor will be delivering sessions during PSHEC lessons on the 20th and 24th November on applying to colleges. During these sessions Lucy will guide students through the process. Students will be able to complete some of their applications during this session.

Mock interviews

In order to prepare students for their college interviews we will be holding a mock interview day. All students will be allocated a 15 minute slot on Friday 1st December. The mock interview will be delivered by representatives from local colleges. Students will be given guidance before this day on how to prepare for an interview.

