

September 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 12 Careers for 2025 2026

Over the next few months your child will be making some important decisions about their future. The main purpose of this letter is to outline some details of the guidance that will be available.

During Year 12, careers provision will be delivered during our Friday morning LTC3 programme and an additional Careers session on a Thursday morning, taken by Careers staff. Advice and guidance on career planning, types of qualifications, career pathways, Labour Market Information and progression options after Key Stage 4 education will be provided by the Careers Department, comprising of Dr Larmour, Mrs Walker, Mrs Barr, Mrs Redpath, Mrs Macafee and Dr Spence.

Year 12 students will also benefit from careers appointments, with a Careers Adviser from the Northern Ireland Careers Service. These interviews will start in October and further information will be provided soon. The Careers Advisers, Mrs Minnis and Ms McKenna, will speak to the year group in an assembly during September about the guidance interviews and their post-16 options.

In January, your child will participate in a workshop delivered by Young Enterprise. The 'You're Hired' workshop is designed to help students develop their employability skills through learning how to find and apply for a job.

Later in the year your child will start considering post-16 options and which subjects will be studied in Year 13. A number of key events in the subject choice process will take place to help with this. These include the Parents' Consultation on Thursday 15 January and the Year 12 Options Event on Wednesday 4 February. In addition, individual Subject Choice Interviews will be held during the week commencing Monday 2 February. These are designed to help your child make decisions about their options at the end of Year 12 and for making AS Level subject choices early in March.

We receive a large amount of information into school from a range of universities, colleges, organisations, and employers. All relevant information is then shared with pupils, mostly through Google Classroom and, at times, email. This can be beneficial, providing dates of events, open days, employment opportunities, careers guidance and advice. The volume of this information continues to increase, with many events and opportunities being offered virtually. You will be kept up to date with this information, in addition to us sharing it with pupils, on a regular basis in a careers newsletter that will be sent to you via email. We hope that you find this useful.

All Year 12 students will have important decisions to make this year and we will be encouraging them to carry out research, think carefully about their options and aim to provide them with the knowledge and skills necessary to make well-informed decisions.

Yours sincerely,

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