

Key Stage 3 Careers Programme (*Information to be shown under Information for Parents and Students - Key Stage 3 page*)

As soon as our students join Castle Hall Academy in Year 7, we encourage them to start thinking about their future and the steps needed to achieve their ambitions and aspirations in life.

Our Careers Programme in Years 7, 8 and 9:

Year 7 - Skilful Me

Aim: To help students to understand more about themselves (self-development), know where to look for useful information (carers exploration) and plan for the future (career management)

Focus on: Skills, self-awareness and aspirations plus an introduction to the world of work.

- Lessons in the PSD curriculum will help students to understand more about what they are good at, how school subjects can help them in the future, the world of work and their dreams and aspirations for the future.
- Students will be invited to careers talks to learn more about specific careers from external speakers from the world of work and industry
- Students will be invited to attend the careers fair where they will have the opportunity to engage with a range of local colleges, universities, training providers and employers.

Year 8 - Looking Forward

Aim: To help students to understand more about themselves, find out about careers and the world of work, the importance of budgeting and to help them plan for their future.

Focus on: The world of work

- Lessons in the PSD curriculum will help students to consider jobs of the past, jobs now and jobs of the future and to understand how and why the world of work changes. Students will learn the importance of developing skills that are needed for a changing world of work. They will also learn about stereotyping in the workplace and what it means to be an entrepreneur.
- Students will be invited to careers talks to learn more about specific careers from external speakers from the world of work and industry
- Students will be invited to attend the careers fair where they will have the opportunity to engage with a range of local colleges, universities, training providers and employers.

Year 9 - What's next?

Aim: To help students to make decisions about their GCSE preferences that are appropriate to their interests and talents and to consider their future career options.

Focus on: Option choices, decision making, self awareness and future choices, ambitions and aspirations.

- Lessons in the PSD curriculum will help students to introduce students to their different personality and learning styles and how these link to longer term career areas.
- Students will take part in a STEM day to help them understand options relating to STEM subjects and careers and widen and raise aspirations within the STEM career sectors.
- Students will be invited to careers talks to learn more about specific careers from external speakers from the world of work and industry
- Students will be invited to attend the careers fair where they will have the opportunity to engage with a range of local colleges, universities, training providers and employers.
- All students will experience the world of work by taking part in a Work Discovery Day.