



8 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As National Careers Week concludes, we would like to update you on the contents, and achievements, of our comprehensive careers programme, not only during this week but throughout the academic year.

The Bourne Academy careers provision equips students with the information, guidance, and skills essential for informed decision-making about their futures. With a dedicated careers team of two impartial qualified careers guidance practitioners and a work experience co-ordinator (currently also training in careers) we offer an array of support mechanisms including interactive workshops, drama productions, careers fairs, employer talks, guest speakers, mentoring, and college/university visits.

In September 2023, the Academy gained the Quality in Careers Standard award for the third time – a nationally recognised award showing our commitment to delivering impartial, independent Careers Education, Information, Advice, and Guidance (CEIAG).

We are delighted to offer all students, in Years 11, 12 and 13, a one-to-one careers guidance appointment. In addition to this, all students will be offered support at key transition points such as Year 8 options, Year 11 career planning and into post sixteen or post eighteen provision.

In the Sixth Form, students benefit from the **Bourne Ambassador** programme for the duration of their studies. This is an exciting and innovative scheme where students are matched with a mentor from our wide database of over 50 mentors from a variety of industries. Bourne Ambassadors are enthusiastic and inspiring individuals who meet students virtually four or five times a year. Their role is to provide support and advice to their mentees on their future choices and give them a real insight into the business and working world. This in turn develops student confidence, networking skills, motivation and makes valuable business links that will benefit them in the future.

We are looking to engage local and national employers creatively to ensure our students understand the needs of employers and the current labour market. If you would like further information on The Bourne Ambassador scheme, please email Vicky.woodings@thebourneacademy.com

We are committed to working with a variety of employers at The Bourne Academy and we have established the **Careers Advisory Board** which consists of senior managers from a variety of companies who we are working closely in partnership with. Our aim, in setting up this panel, was to help bridge the gap between education and business by asking for strategic advice from key businesses across the significant industry sectors.

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All Students can request a careers appointment at any time through their tutor, parents are also able to attend with their child by appointment. Our Careers Adviser will be at every parent evening so please do come and speak to us about your child's careers decisions.

As our students progress through The Bourne Academy they can expect and look forward to the following Careers support:

Year 7	Introduction to Unifrog and skills builder careers platforms. Spring tutor time focus on dreams jobs. 'Who I am?' and 'What is a career?' STEAM careers fair 9 July 2024.
Year 8	Options support. Careers drama performance on option choices. Spring tutor time focus on 'what comes after school?' Labour Market Information and Skills for careers.
Year 9	Tutor time focus on CVs, entrepreneurs, challenging stereotypes. Launch of work experience. Visit to Bournemouth University and Arts University Bournemouth (9 July 2024) Embedding careers in the curriculum through job profiles in subject areas.
Year 10	Tutor time focus on CVs, employability skills and well-being at work. Whole year group visit to the Careers and Apprenticeship show 14 March. Work Experience week of 22.4.24.
Year 11	Mock interviews and interview preparation. Application support and Apprenticeship application workshops. One to one career guidance with a qualified careers adviser.
Year 12	University residential (two-night visit to Bristol, Bath and Cardiff). Visit to London School of Economics and Parliament. Work experience week of 8.7.24. UCAS discovery Fair at Bournemouth University 27 March. Interview and CV preparation. One to one career guidance with a qualified careers adviser. Bourne Ambassador scheme mentor and networking events and virtual workplace visits.
Year 13	Bourne Ambassador scheme mentor. UCAS and Apprenticeship application support. One to one career guidance on demand.

We are constantly evaluating and updating our careers provision and are determined to support your child with work experience, careers, and higher education and more, throughout their entire time at the Academy - do ask us to for help or guidance at any stage.

Kind regards

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