

# Wath Academy Careers Corner



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## Welcome to Careers Corner!



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A warm welcome to the first edition of Careers Corner—the one-stop bulletin to update members of our community at Wath Academy about all things careers.



### In this issue:

Meet the Team!  
What are the Gatsby Benchmarks?  
Spotlight on...Science  
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Start – A Parent's Guide

### Dates for your diary

Meet Tim Peake – Live on  
YouTube  
21 January 5-6pm  
National Apprenticeship Week  
8-14 February  
National Careers Week 1-6 March

THE GATSBY BENCHMARKS  
GOOD CAREER GUIDANCE

### Q: What are the Gatsby Benchmarks?

A: "The benchmarks define world-class career guidance and were developed on behalf of Gatsby by Sir John Holman as part of an international study."

There are 8 benchmarks which are used to rate a careers programme:

1. A stable careers programme
2. Learning from career and labour market information
3. Addressing the needs of each student
4. Linking curriculum learning to careers
5. Encounters with employers and employees
6. Experiences of workplaces
7. Encounters with further and higher education
8. Personal guidance

These benchmarks form part of the careers strategy, which was launched in December 2017.

### Meet the Team...Mrs Laite!

Mrs Laite is a L6 qualified careers adviser and is based in the Library. All students are offered 1-1 careers guidance during moments of choice such as when they are making decisions in Y9, Y11 and Y13, but Mrs Laite is available to speak to all students and help with their careers planning.

There are several ways to contact Mrs Laite:

- ✓ Complete a request form which can be found on the careers page on the Wath Academy website
- ✓ Email [careers@wathacademy.com](mailto:careers@wathacademy.com)
- ✓ Speak to Mrs Laite in the Library





# Spotlight On... The Science Faculty



The Science Faculty use every opportunity to meet Gatsby Benchmark 4: Linking curriculum learning to careers, integrating informative and engaging lessons with relevance and application to real life scenarios. Wath Academy students have recently taken part in several events such as the North Star Science School Event with Brian Cox, climate change lectures, Q & A opportunities with engineers, talks from medical students on careers in medicine and much more. Don't forget to look at the latest edition of the Torch for amazing articles written by our very own students and their experiences: <https://www.wathacademy.com/torch>

Q: What is STEM?

A: Stem is an acronym which stands for Science Technology Engineering and Maths.

Q: Want to know more?

A: Look at <https://www.liysf.org.uk/blog/what-is-stem-education> for a great article explaining how STEM will affect future careers...



**Parents:** At Wath Academy, careers education is taught in Life Skills lessons. During these lessons, students have access to Start which is an online careers platform that supports students with their careers education and planning. Why don't you have a look by visiting [www.startprofile.com](http://www.startprofile.com)

A Parent's Guide is also available on the careers page on the school website, where you can also find more information about the careers programme here at Wath.



Students... don't forget to visit Careers Corner in the Library for the latest information about careers, education providers and all your future options.

Look out for *Careers In...* displays around school for more information about how your subjects link to the world of work!

Coming soon...

Look out for the next issue when we will be covering:

Gatsby – How do Wath Academy use the benchmarks to improve careers provision?

T-Levels: Everything you need to know...

Apprenticeships and higher education... the possibilities!

## Quote of the Month...

“Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.” – Marie Curie

*‘Meliora Spectare’ – ‘Look to Better Things’*