

Wath Academy Careers Corner



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Welcome to Careers Corner!



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Welcome to **March's** edition of Careers Corner—the one-stop bulletin to update members of our community at Wath Academy about all things careers.



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THE GATSBY BENCHMARKS
GOOD CAREER GUIDANCE

Benchmark 4: Linking curriculum learning to careers: “The curriculum offers excellent opportunities for developing the knowledge and skills that employers need and subject teachers can be powerful role models to attract pupils towards their subject and the careers that flow from it. Schools should ask all teachers to support the career development of young people in their tutorial role... Many schools currently deliver careers, employability and enterprise lessons through the curriculum as part of their commitment to Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education.”.

<https://www.goodcareerguidance.org.uk/case-study/linking-curriculum-learning-to-careers>

At Wath Academy students learn about the relevance of their subjects to the world of work. Individual subject areas plan schemes of work which include opportunities for students to understand how the skills and knowledge they are learning are valued and necessary for future career success. Every subject area has their own display board giving information about careers, opportunities, and the relevance of the subject to the world of work. Find out more on the link below:

https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/sites/default/files/gatsby_benchmark_4.pdf

Meet the Team...Miss Waddington!

Miss Waddington is Second in RSS Faculty, Subject Leader for Health and Social Care and Life Skills and a teacher of Health and Social Care and Criminology.

At Wath Academy PSHE is taught under the umbrella of 'Life Skills'. Miss Waddington works with the Careers Team to plan informative and engaging lessons and opportunities for learning for our KS3 and KS4 students.





Spotlight On... English



English is an important core subject, offering students the opportunity to develop key skills valued by the labour market and employers. All subject teachers at Wath Academy actively promote the importance of securing a good standard of English and relate their lessons to the world of work and real-life applications.

The English faculty will be celebrating **National Careers Week** with every student taking part in a career focused lesson. In years 7 to 9, students will practise their analytical skills by exploring a series of job adverts, considering how language is used, which job would most appeal to them and why. This will help students understand that deciding what they want from their career is just as important as what an employer may be looking for in them.

Year 10, are looking at the profession of law, a career which has progression links with the subject of English, as well as curriculum links to the current novel students are studying: *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. One of the main characters, Mr Utterson, is a lawyer.

As Y11 students prepare to make decisions about their futures, including where, and what, to study post-16, they will benefit from sessions outlining how English supports their employability across a range of fields, alongside career paths where English qualifications are specifically sought after.

The English team are looking forward to delivering these lessons and engaging in interesting discussion with students of all ages about their hopes and ambitions for the future!

It's National Careers Week...celebrating 10 years!

Once again Wath Academy will be celebrating National Careers Week, from the 1-6 March. All subject areas are offering careers focused lessons and fun activities to highlight the importance of careers education for a successful, happy, and rewarding life.

However, it's not just about the lessons (we don't often say this!).

Don't forget to check our social media accounts for updates about virtual opportunities and events taking place.

<https://nationalcareersweek.com/parentsguide/>



Decision making – how do you know that you've got it right? Decisions are part of everyday life...' is my favourite colour green or blue?' ... 'Should I have toast or a full English for breakfast?'. However, some decisions are more important than others and this is down to the opportunity cost or the lost opportunities that can result from making a poor choice.

The good news is as a student at Wath Academy, you are fully supported and encouraged to make independent decisions, to reflect on and review these and to make changes when necessary. Your Character Education and Votes for Schools sessions and Life Skills lessons prepare you by teaching important transferable skills. All staff at Wath Academy are available to help and support you, and there is a wealth of information on the internet too. If you feel you need help with making a careers decision, contact Mrs Laite in the Library. <https://icould.com/stories/choosing-your-gcse-options/>
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/career-choices-at-16>
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/career-choices-at-18>

Coming soon...Look out for the next issue featuring the Maths Department.

What are Hepp and HeppSY and why do we work with them?

A round-up of National Careers Week!

Quote of the Month...

"Find out what you like doing best and get someone to pay you for doing it."
Katharine Whitehorn, British journalist, columnist, author, radio presenter and the first woman to have a column in The Observer.

'Meliora Spectare' – 'Look to Better Things'