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Dear Parent and Carers,

## Year 12 Careers Guidance and Future Pathways Parent/Carer Evening (Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 5-6pm)

We are delighted to share news of our Careers provision for your young person as they research and explore their 'future pathways.'

Careers provision at St. Bernard's is part of a planned, and progressive Careers Curriculum, which is aligned with careers best-practice research, the Gatsby Benchmarks, and statutory Provider Access Legislation. Our vision is that each student actively engages in setting careers goals, having been provided with relevant and current careers information and guidance. We pride ourselves in taking a personalised and tailored approach to ensure each student realises their career goals. We want all our students to make informed choices about their future, leading to better life chances and opportunities.

Please find a list of careers guidance and support we offer your young person:

- **Careers in the Curriculum** - subject-specific lessons on career options
- **Careers in Form Time and PSHE** - sessions devoted to careers research and readiness
- **Future Pathways Day** – off-timetable day with talks from a range of providers
- **Online careers platform** – all year 12s have access to explore post-18 pathways
- **Employer encounters** – workshops and via our school Careers Fair
- **Experience of the workplace** - one-week work experience programme
- **One to one career conversation** - support with post-18 transitions
- **Enrichment clubs** - e.g. debating, STEM, journalism, and UCAT/Medical Forum)
- **Early Applicant support** - e.g. guidance for medicine, dentistry, and Oxbridge applicants
- **Higher Education visits and talks** - including the University of Essex UCAS Discovery Fair
- **Support workshops and assemblies** – e.g. personal statements, apprenticeships, and CVs

### The Year 12 Future Pathway Day

Last week Year 12 enjoyed an off-timetable Future Pathways Day, with these highlights:

- **Motivational Talk from Neeta Daragh** – Neeta, a globally-experienced technology leader, inspired us to tackle workplace stereotypes. She described the future careers landscape as 'squiggly,' encouraging students to focus on developing their transferable skills.
- **Thinking about University?** - an inspiring talk from the University of East Anglia
- **Optional talks** – 'Choosing a Course,' 'Allied-Health', and 'Alternative Pathways'
- **Student Finance** – Wize Up Finance shared information on university cost of living, 'tuition' and 'maintenance' loans, and Student Finance England (SFE)
- **Reflection** – students created a 'Summer Plan' with objectives to meet their aspirations.



## How can I help my young person with their post-18 pathways?

We welcome parents and carer support guiding our young people as they take steps toward building their post-18 future. Please find attached some helpful resources:

[2024-parent-guide-final \(1\).pdf](#)

[download \(ucas.com\)](#)

[Parent and guardian guide to apprenticeships | Undergraduate, Apprenticeships | UCAS](#)

## Year 12 Future Pathway parent/carers Evening (Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – 5.00-6.00pm)

You are warmly invited to join us for an online parents and carers Future Pathways information evening. We will cover potential future pathway options (to include university, apprenticeship, employment, and GAP year), outline upcoming deadlines, and share details of application processes. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

Please see the email to follow which will share the **Teams Meeting invite** to the event.

## UCAS Discovery Fair – Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>

Year 12 will benefit from meeting a wide range of universities, employers, and apprenticeship providers. They can also reach out for expert support from UCAS.

## Year 12 Work Experience – Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

Our one-week Work Experience will take place between Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. All students are asked to return their self-placement form to me in person or via email before half-term.

We hope that this letter gives you an insight into the value and purpose of our careers and future pathways provision, as well as the support we offer to ensure all students can thrive.

Please feel free to contact me by email if you have any questions regarding our careers provision.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Phillips  
Careers Coordinator