



WESTSIDE
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Student Careers' Information



INTRODUCTION

It's never too early to start planning for your future! It's a good idea to think about life after Westside School. For your post-16 provision, you should explore more than one option or school and figure out what is best for you instead of just listening to what others say. When looking at different choices, ask yourself some questions:

- What subject do you most enjoy studying? Have you studied it before? Is it a new subject?
- How is it assessed? Do you prefer coursework or exams?
- How does it differ from GCSEs? What topics will you be learning?
- How do your teachers feel you will cope with it? Do they have concerns?
- What have people who have done this course/apprenticeship before gone on to do next? What grades did they get?
- Where is it based? Is there help available with the cost of transport?
- Are there any opportunities for work experience?
- What GCSE grades do you need to get on the course/apprenticeship?
- What qualification(s) would you get from doing this?

CAREERS' TEAM AND PROCESS

If you require any support regarding careers, please see one of the following members of staff:

- **SLT Lead for Careers:** Mr Browne
- **Westside School Careers Advisor:** Ms Anderson
- **Teacher of PSHCE:** Ms Ahmed

In your PSHCE lessons, every student will explore a component of the careers curriculum throughout the year. KS3 students will participate in workshops with organisations like Clement James and attend STEM- focused events. KS4 students will undertake work experience and undergo interviews with various organisations. Year 11 students will receive personalised support in applying to post-16 provisions.

START LONDON PROFILE

START London has recently unveiled a captivating careers website aimed at assisting young individuals in our area with guidance, details, and assistance. Known as START in Local London, this interactive platform was introduced to coincide with National Careers Week. This valuable resource will be accessible to young people, providing them with information regarding employers, opportunities for further education, and current job openings. Moreover, it incorporates the Skills Builder Framework that enables users to recognise and enhance their fundamental life and employability skills. Additionally, you can engage in the following activities:

The StartProfile with CV Builder

Students can record evidence of their career development in one place. Interests, goals, strengths, skills, qualifications and experiences are all collected in their StartProfile, helping to create that knock-out CV or prepare for future interviews. The StartProfile is what makes Start different to all other career platforms. It grows with the student, being added to and reviewed throughout their academic journey. It's what they'll use to prepare for personal guidance interviews whilst at school, and it's their passport to further study and employment.

Study Pathways Information and Course Finder

Help your students to build a clear picture of where they are going and the most appropriate route for them. They can explore the different pathways, qualification types and providers as well as search for live courses using the most up-to-date and trusted data sources.

As they explore, students can record their intended course and provider choices, adding this information to their StartProfile along with actual and predicted grades.

High-Quality Labour Market Information

Connect subject learning to the world of work. Live LMI and the best content - curated by our team and network of partners creates a wealth of regional and national information for students to explore using sector, employer and job profiles. Live data is provided by sources including LMI for All, ONET and Indeed - helping students to browse the information based on their interests or explore using the subjects they are studying, as well as access the latest list of in-demand jobs to guide their study and career choices.

Skills Builder Framework Self-Assessment

The Skills Builder Framework helps students to become better communicators, presenters, networkers and more. Students can use Start to access resources and self-assess their progress against the eight essential skills.

As well as the dedicated self-assessment tools, students will find these skills repeated across the platform, including in areas such as their StartProfile and the Locker, making Start the perfect careers platform for schools and colleges working to embed the Skills Builder Framework.

For more information on the service, please visit:

<https://london.startprofile.com/page/schools-colleges-overview>

CAREERS' WEEK

Dear Students,

We are thrilled to announce that Westside School will be hosting a careers week from Monday 3rd March 2025 to Saturday 8th March 2025. This exciting event aims to provide you with valuable insights into the world of work and help you explore various careers and industries. Throughout the week, we have arranged for guest speakers and other external visitors who will share their experiences and expertise with you.

During this dedicated week, your lessons will focus on jobs related to your subject area. This will allow you to understand how the skills and knowledge you acquire in school can be applied in real-world careers. Additionally, during Personal, Social, Health, careers' Education (PSHCE) classes, we will emphasise the importance of CV writing, grades, and employability skills. These sessions will equip you with the necessary tools to excel in future job applications and interviews.

We hope that this careers week will inspire you to dream big and pursue your passions. It is an excellent opportunity for you to gain a deeper understanding of different professions while also developing crucial employability skills. We look forward to an engaging and enlightening week filled with meaningful discussions, activities, and interactions with professionals from various fields.

YEAR 10 – WORK EXPERIENCE

- In Year 10, all students participate in a one-week work experience program in April. This program plays a crucial role in our career education curriculum and the overall personal growth of our students. The coordination of work placements is managed by Mr Browne and Ms Anderson, ensuring that each placement is tailored to meet the specific needs of both our students and employers.
- Students are encouraged to find their own work placements, but Westside School can also help to find appropriate work placements. A letter will be sent to parents/carers with more details closer to the date.
- Additionally, every student, along with their parent and employer, must complete a work placement form, which can be obtained by contacting the school for further information.

EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL VISITS

At Westside, we recognise the significance of our young individuals participating in external visits and exploring various work-related prospects. In the previous year, our students had the opportunity to attend several notable places, including:

- Business LDN Presents Skills London at the Excel Centre
- QPR FC - Workplace visit
- Career mentor online meeting
- Chelsea FC Senior Education Presentation talk at Westside
- Chelsea FC - Workplace Visit
- Employability and careers' by Education Development Trust.
- They also worked with Clement James, where they received one-to-one support for post-16 and workshops around careers.
- Creative Careers: Dr Gus Hayley Caseford - Royal Victoria and Albert Museum.
- GCSE/A-Level Photographer: Jasper James