

Useful Careers Websites



Useful to research Job profiles, create a CV, view information for 13-19

www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/



Suffolk Website for information about issues that may affect students

www.thesource.me.uk/



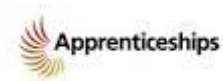
Try the Buzz game to find out which animal you are.

www.icould.com/buzz/



Play the Plotr game, answer questions to find suitable careers for you

www.plotr.co.uk



Useful to register for Job alerts and search for apprenticeships in Year 11

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship



Website for university information

www.ucas.com

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Year 7 and 8 Careers Entitlement



This leaflet sets out to
offer information to
support students and
parents/carers in decision
making

Important Careers Information

All students at TGS are entitled to a career guidance interview with Mrs Baker or an independent careers adviser. Please contact Mrs Baker to arrange an appointment.

bbaker@tgschool.net or 01787 375232 Ext 274

Mrs Baker and the independent careers adviser are qualified careers practitioners.

Employer Workshops

Employers visit Thomas Gainsborough on a regular basis to conduct **Employer Workshops**. These are advertised as follows:

- In the Careers Hub
- On Student Noticeboard
- In Student Services.

All students are encouraged to attend the workshops which are usually held in the Careers Hub at 1pm – 1.30pm. Students learn to network with the employers by asking questions and taking part in group discussion. We actively encourage students from Year 7 and 8 to attend. Many employers bring examples of products with them for students to handle, taste and try on.

Record of Achievement Folders and Excellence Ribbons

All students at TGS have an ROA folder to place their achievements inside and outside of school. Our aim is to celebrate all achievements of individual students. Evidence for the folders can be in the form of newspaper cuttings, photos with statements, newsletters, certificates, references and awards.

Students in Year 9 to 11 will work towards their Employability Award and excellence ribbons. For further information visit the Careers Hub.

Careers tutor group induction

Tutors will bring their tutor groups to the Careers Hub to introduce them to careers provision and opportunities at Thomas Gainsborough School.

Enrichment days

Careers education is delivered in a number of ways to all students on Enrichment days in the form of planned events and activities such as:

- Speed networking
- Careers poster competition
- Work experience preparation,
- Mock interviews in Year 10 & 13
- Visits to colleges and universities

Careers educational visits throughout the year

During the school year we arrange extra activities and visits for students interested in different career pathways such as:

- The Skills Show – all year 9 students
- The Food and Farming trip – open to all students interested in this pathway
- Small personalised visits to employers

We advertise the visits via student noticeboard, in the newsletter and Careers Hub.

Careers Club

Students can sign up to attend our own Careers club on a Monday after school. We play games and find out about different career pathways. This year we will be asking employers to come along to demonstrate and talk about their own pathways.

Enrichment Clubs

It is important to attend enrichment clubs at school and outside of school. The clubs can teach you employability skills to help you in the future.

Skills such as: reliability, teamworking and showing initiative, organisation, communication, leadership and negotiation.

Merits

You will receive at least one merit point when you attend any careers event, place certificates in your record of achievement folder, when you attend an employer workshop, when you come to careers to access publications and online resources or come to Careers Club.

Opportunities to work with the Careers

Team in Year 9

In year 9 we work with the English and ICT Departments to prepare students for their mock interview and work experience in Year 10. Students will take part in the following activities:

- Employer involvement and advice in lessons
- Mock interview preparation
- Health and Safety in the work place
- Work experience information
- Careers research and planning
- Planning and creation of a cover letter
- Planning and creation of a Curriculum Vitae

Work Experience in Year 10

In Year 10 students will receive a mock interview with a real employer who will give constructive feedback. Students will be given the opportunity to do two one week work experience placements.

Progression in Year 11

All Year 11 students are offered full support to choose a further education pathway in Year 11. The following routes are the choices available to students.

- Sixth Form
- College
- Apprenticeships
- Armed Forces

Careers in Year 12 and 13

Students are offered a number of interactions with employers, a careers guidance meeting to discuss progression at the end of Year 13. Students in Year 12 can complete a 5 day work experience placement. A positive progression route for Year 13 students can be either University or a higher apprenticeship.

Careers Resources

There are a great number of resources available for students to read and research. We have college, sixth form and university prospectus. We have publications and magazines, access to online careers websites and games. The Careers Hub provides students with a quiet corner and tables to study.