

## **Lord Grey Academy**

### **CAREERS INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS**

We want you to leave Lord Grey with high aspirations for your career and work choices and are with strong employability skills so that you are well-placed to access the widest possible range of options when you leave school.

A new report has recently been published, the Gatsby report, which provides a benchmark for best practice, that we are working hard towards. The key elements of this are:

- a stable careers programme
- learning form career and labour market information
- addressing the needs of each pupil
- linking curriculum learning to careers
- encounters with employers and employees
- experiences of workplaces
- encounters with Further Education and Higher Education
- personal guidance.

We are proud of the work that we do relating to careers and employability and are constantly striving to improve. Below are some of the activities and support that you can benefit from.

- Careers Days for Year 7-Year 10 students which focus on a wide range of areas.
- Career Workouts
- Careers Fair
- Careers Talks
- Workshops from universities and apprenticeship providers
- Signposting to work experience opportunities
- Access to high quality careers and labour market information
- Careers in the classroom
- Personal guidance

Lots of these links and many more resources are available through the Careers section of Moodle. All students are enrolled onto 'Careers' as a course on Moodle when they start Year 7. Please let Careers Officer or your tutor know if you can't access this for any reason.

#### **CAREERS INFORMATION WEBSITES**

www.plotr.co.uk

www.icould.com

https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/

Job Explorer Database – can be accessed via Moodle (a licensed product)



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#### APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION AND FIND AN APPRENTICESHIP SERVICE

- www.getingofar.gov.uk
- https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

### GENERAL INFORMATION, OPTIONS AND CHOICES, WORK EXPERIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION ALTERNATIVES

- www.studentladder.co.uk
- www.notgoingtounic.uk

#### HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- www.ucas.com
- http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/

Higher Ideas – accessed through Moodle (a licensed product)

#### **ACCESSING SUPPORT**

Sometimes the decisions you need to make can seem overwhelming. But it is important to know that there is lots of help in school. It is also important to consider what you can do to help yourself.

- Look at some of the websites above with independently or with your parents and carers.
- Talk to older people that you know about their job and the world of work— what they like and
  dislike about their own role, what are the challenges that they face in work, is there anything
  they wish they had done differently, or what was the best decision that they made? This will
  help you to build up a picture of what you want from work.
- If you have a careers appointment, you will be emailed an action plan. Read this carefully and commit to following through on any of the action you agreed. Discuss it with your parents and carers.
- Weigh up the advantages and disadvantages of different routes and how these may suit you as individuals.
- Start planning early for example, we encourage you to start thinking about your plans for the end of Year 11, when you are in Year 10, or before.
- Actively participate in careers days, career workouts and any other provision that is made for you. Discuss these opportunities at home.
- Attend the careers fair.
- Check Moodle regularly for details of careers news, speakers and updates.

We regularly seek feedback on the value of our careers provision, if you have any comments or suggestions please do let us know.

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