



SJBC Careers Education

Visions and Purpose:

SJBC is committed to providing all students with careers, education, information, advice and guidance throughout their school lives in order to raise aspirations and tackle stereotypes. All stakeholders understand it is vital that we bridge the gap between academic and working life, and must equip all students with the skills, knowledge and understanding required to ensure their future success in their chosen field.

SJBC is committed in ensuring that our careers programme supports all students in acquiring an in-depth understanding of career options and develops a level of self-awareness to hone their decision-making skills, which will allow them to make effective transitions throughout every stage in education and careers. Our careers programme encompasses the ethos of the school and promotes that all students must believe and achieve.

SJBC's career intent is:

- To encourage all students to recognise and value their own skills and abilities to appreciate their relationships with and responsibilities towards other people, the community and environment.
- To develop the skills which will help students make informed and realistic choices for their future.
- To enable students and parents to be aware of the alternatives and opportunities open to them at different stages of their life and to raise aspirations.
- To develop their skills in communication, confidence and presentation skills that will be needed in new roles and situations.
- To encourage an understanding and experience of the Labour Market information (LMI) and enterprise activities.
- To develop students 'capabilities to understand their own needs and abilities
- To promote equality and opportunity, irrespective of race, religion, gender and special needs disability.
- To encourage students to investigate their careers and opportunities on both a local and national level through direct experience of the world of work, work related learning and enterprise activities.
- To encourage students and provide to information and skills to be able to implement their career plans.
- To review and evaluate their knowledge of careers to make improved decisions about their qualification pathway in order to manage the transition processes at different stages more effectively.

Our intent is to provide ways of developing knowledge, understanding and experience of opportunities in education, training and employment. This will enable our students to foster the skills needed to improve their decision making. The intent is also a way of helping students to apply knowledge, understanding and skills to their own circumstances, incorporating our ethos of RUAH (Respect, Understanding, Affection and Humour).

Careers Programme

Attached to be uploaded.

Employers Access

Information for employers:

Management of provider access requests;

A provider wishing to request access should contact **Miss L Bennett**, Vocational and Futures Coordinator (VFC)

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Opportunities for access;

The school plans and encourages an ample number of events that are integrated into the school careers programme, which offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers.

We offer employers stand-alone opportunities to engage and inspire students or those which are integrated into a wider career's strategy for the school.

Please speak to our VFC to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

The school have state of the art facilities that can be used upon request to host such talk, workshops, discussions and performances. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the VFC or a member of the Careers team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all students at lunch time, break time and afterschool.

Impartial Careers Adviser:

Ms R Ennin is contracted to provide impartial careers advice to all students. She has over 25 years' experience of helping and supporting educational providers to meet their statutory responsibility for securing access to independent and impartial careers guidance. She has worked in a variety of settings providing careers education information, advice and guidance.

Ms Ennin will conduct one to one career guidance interviews with Year 11,12 and 13 students throughout the academic year and deliver various workshops and assemblies (Y7-13). This will cover traditional and non-traditional career path explorations, UCAS, student finance, CVs, interview skills, apprenticeship routes and employment opportunities.

Ms Ennin can be contacted by email at Rennin@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk (Wednesday only)

Labour Market Information (LMI):

It is essential that when thinking about a career pathway all students look at the variety of options available in all industries and the future job availabilities. The websites below can assist in exploring the labour market information (LMI) available as well as providing students and parents with job profiles

[Moving On Magazine](#)

[National Careers Service - Explore careers](#)

Post 16 + Options:

SJBC ensures that all our parent(s), guardian(s) and students are equipped with exceptional careers, education, information, advice and guidance.

It is essential that all students can understand what they need to do to reach and succeed in the career(s) to which they aspire.

The websites below provide information that can assist students with the decision-making process for post 16+, apprenticeships and work-related learning.

[National Career Service](#) - Information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work

[What you can do with A levels](#) Information on what opportunities you have after doing A Levels

[How to choose A Levels](#)- Information and advice on choosing your A Level subjects

[Student Ladder: Choosing A Levels](#) - Advice and information about A Levels and what subjects to take

Apprenticeships:

[Find an apprenticeship: Government Site](#) - Information from Gov.UK

[Not Going to University](#) - Information for alternatives to university

[Career Map](#) - Apprenticeship vacancies

[Vision Apprenticeships](#) – Apprenticeship search

[QA Apprenticeships](#) - Business and IT related apprenticeships

[The Apprenticeship Guide](#) - Guide to apprenticeships

[UCAS Alternatives to Higher Education](#) – Alternatives to higher education from UCAS

[All About School Leavers](#) – Information and support in applying for apprenticeships

[Success at School: How to Find an Apprenticeship](#) – Explore the apprenticeship route.

[GetMyFirstJob](#) – Your first steps into the world of work

[Labour Market Information](#) - It is an easy way to get access to labour market information

University:

[UCAS](#)

[UCAS: Explore the courses](#)

School Leavers:

[The Guardian: 10 Things Parents Need To Know About School Leavers](#)

[BDO](#) - School leaver programmes in a variety of areas in accountancy.

[Ernst & Young](#) - School leaver programmes

[PWC](#) - Jobs and opportunities for School Leavers

[Deloitte](#) – Early career paths

GCSE Options:

At the end of Year 9, students will have the option to specialise in a range of subjects at KS4. All students will study the 'core subjects' of English Language and Literature, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education and, naturally in a Catholic School, Religious Education. Students will be able to choose subjects from the following list:

Art
Business Studies
Design and technology
Enterprise and Marketing
Food preparation and nutrition
Geography
History
Media
Modern Foreign Language (French, or Spanish)
Music
Psychology
Sociology
Travel and Tourism

In addition, Triple Science, and the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award will also be available; all students will follow a learning pathway best suited to their needs and abilities.

The following websites provides advice, help and information on how your choices can help you decide what your future career will be:

Next Steps – Explore what you can do when you study a GCSE subject.

What can I do with my GCSEs? - Advice on options available to you when you are choosing your GCSEs

I could - Videos to help you see what GCSEs can help you get on the right track.

Work Related Learning:

It is important that all students aim to improve and develop their skills to use the world of work. The websites below can help students to gain more ideas for Gap Years, Internships, volunteering and work experience;

Gap Year:

Cultural Care – Au Pair in the USA

[Frontier](#) - Options to contribute to non-profit conservation and development programmes

[The Leap](#) - Volunteering opportunities during a gap year

[Year Out Group](#) - Taking a gap year to benefit university admissions and future employers

[Resort Leaders](#) - Gap year programmes and opportunities

[Gap year Travel Advice](#) - UK Government site on foreign travel

[Bunac](#) - Opportunities to work, volunteer and be an internship in a wide range of sectors

[Concordia](#) - Non-profit opportunities to work on farms around the world

[Gap 360](#) - Information about travelling, working and volunteering abroad

[Gap Year](#) - Articles, advice and tools to plan your gap year

[Gap Medics](#) - Placements to gain experience in hospitals

[UCAS - Gap Year ideas](#) - Gap year ideas from UCAS

[Projects Abroad](#) - Travelling, working and volunteering abroad

[Success at School](#) - FAQ's about Gap Years

Internship and Volunteering:

[Do It](#) - Information and advice on volunteering

[vInspired](#) - Database of volunteering opportunities for young people

[London Youth](#) - Youth work company in London with volunteering opportunities

[NCS Yes](#) - National Citizens Service, a Government funded programme to develop skills

[Volunteering](#) -UK Government Advice

[Volunteering Matters](#) - Charity which supports volunteers

[Inspiring the Future](#) - Service which connects students to volunteer placements

Work Experience:

[National Careers Service](#) - Information about work experience and hand FAQ's

[Prospects](#) - Information about work experience

[Student Ladder](#) - List of businesses which offer work experience placements

[PRIME](#) - Work experience for young people from underprivileged backgrounds

[Social Mobility Foundation](#) - Residential programmes for internships for young people underprivileged backgrounds

[Barclays Life Skills](#) - For students to help develop your skills in a real work environment

[Believe in Young People](#) - Work experience over the summer

[Go Think Big](#) - Tips and tools to explore careers and advice on getting work placements

Parents:

The Careers, information, Education, Advice and Guidance which all students receive at SJBC will be communicated to parents through careers fairs, letters home, parent mail, open evenings and parents' evenings.

SJBC have a robust careers programme that is delivered each academic year in the form of speakers, workshops and trips where students can apply knowledge and understanding from the classroom to the real world.

We welcome and appreciate parent support at each transition stage from Year 7 to 13.

The websites below can equip parents to guide and work with their child in the career decision making process.

[Parent Adviser](#) - Guides and Information for parents

[iCould Information for Parents](#) - Relating to students at 14, 16 or 18

[Career Options for School leavers](#)

[Barclays Life Skills](#) – Advice for parents – Work Experience

[Writing Your Personal Statement](#) - Advice from UCAS

[Choosing Your Degree Subject](#) - Advice from Which?

[Going to University](#) - A complete guide to going to university

[Student Finance](#) - Government website providing information on student finance

If you or the organisation you work for would like to get involved by hosting a workshop, delivering an assembly or talk or organising an employer visit, please email Miss L Bennett, Vocational and Futures Coordinator (VFC) at LBennett@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk