

Dear Parent/Carer,

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) Programme 2025-26

At Jarrow School, we are committed to preparing our students for life beyond the classroom through a carefully designed and inclusive careers programme. The careers programme is shaped by the aspirations of our students, feedback from our key stakeholders, and an understanding of our local context. This ensures that our provision remains relevant, inclusive, and responsive to the evolving needs of our learners. Our approach ensures that every student receives meaningful exposure to the world of work, experience of the workplace, tailored guidance, and the opportunity to develop essential employability skills. Our goal is to inspire every learner to make informed decisions about their future and to thrive in whichever path they choose.

Careers provision is thoughtfully embedded across the curriculum, from career-themed lessons and projects, embedded regular careers related activities, dedicated focus weeks within each curriculum area and more. We aim to promote ambition and equip students with the careers knowledge and skills they need to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

We work in close partnership with a range of external providers, including local employers, colleges, universities, and careers professionals, to deliver high-quality experiences and advice. These collaborations enrich our programme and ensure students gain real-world insights into various career pathways.

Outlined below are a variety of careers related activities and opportunities your child will experience this year. You can find our full careers programme and further information about our careers provision and support for parents via this link – [Jarrow School Careers Education](#)

- **Workshops, assemblies, and events:** Throughout the year, we will organise a series of visits, workshops, assemblies, and events focused on career exploration and post-16 options. These activities will involve colleges, sixth forms, training providers, apprenticeship providers, employers, and sector-specific organisations to broaden your child's horizons.
- **Careers focused form time:** We have fortnightly scheduled careers-focused form time sessions. These sessions are year group specific, focusing on careers relevant to the students age and will cover essential topics such as pathway information, post-16 options, career sectors, goal setting, preparing for work, and further education as well as labour market information and breaking down careers-based stereotypes.
- **Parents evenings and information sessions:** We will host a variety of parents evening and information sessions as the year progresses. This will provide valuable insights into post-16 options, including A-levels, apprenticeships, T-levels, vocational courses, employment, and more. This will hopefully enable you to gather essential information to support your child's journey.
- **Curriculum focused careers learning:** We want students to see how their learning connects to real careers and future opportunities. Teachers regularly highlight and explore how skills and knowledge from lessons apply in the workplace, making learning relevant and meaningful. This approach helps motivate students and supports informed decisions about their next steps.

- **Meaningful encounters:** We want students across all year groups to have regular opportunities to meet and interact with employers, employees, and training providers. These experiences help them understand the world of work, learn about the skills and qualifications employers value, and explore different career options. These encounters are designed to inspire students and support informed decisions about their future pathways and will take place within curriculum areas and as part of the wider careers and personal development programme.
- **Work experience:** In the summer term, all Year 10 students will take part in work experience. This is an excellent opportunity for them to build confidence, gain first-hand insight into the world of work, and develop transferable skills that will support future applications. Work experience also helps students clarify their career ambitions and discover what pathways are right for them.
- **Carers guidance meetings:** Students in Y11 will have the opportunity to participate in individual careers guidance meetings with Miss Ridley, our qualified Careers Adviser. These sessions are designed to provide personalised support in exploring post-16 options and setting meaningful career goals.
- **Careers fair:** Our annual Careers Fair brings together colleges, sixth forms, training providers, apprenticeship organisations, and employers, offering students valuable insights and guidance on the wide range of pathways available after Year 11.
- **Lunchtime provider information stands:** During KS4 lunchtimes, we have arranged for a variety of education and training providers to visit school. These sessions give your child the opportunity to speak directly with each provider, ask questions, and explore the different pathways available after Year 11.
- **Careers cafes and drop-in sessions:** Our Careers Cafes and drop-in sessions, hosted by Miss Ridley, will offer further advice on careers, education, employment, and training. Your child can seek assistance with exploring various post-16 options, applications for college, sixth form, apprenticeships, and employment, as well as receive guidance on crafting a compelling CV.
- **Unifrog:** Unifrog is an online platform that helps students explore career pathways and record their progress throughout their time in school. It brings all the relevant information into one easy-to-use place, supporting students to make well-informed decisions about their future. Unifrog ensures every student has equal access to high-quality careers information and practical tools, such as CV builders, course finders, and application guidance. Parents will also receive regular updates on their child's activity and have access to resources to help guide conversations at home. If you would prefer not to receive updates about your child's careers development, please email Mr Ord to confirm this.

We are committed to giving your child the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to make confident, informed decisions about their future. If you have any questions or would like further details about any part of our CEIAG programme, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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