

- To introduce pupils to employability and life skills and apply them in a specific project within a school environment.
- To give pupils an understanding of today's work environment and the pathways to getting there through contact with various employers, including apprenticeships and technical pathways.
- To educate pupils through the curriculum on careers and the wider world.

Year 7 Career events

In the academic year 2022-3, year 7 pupils will participate in a 'What's my Line?' careers event. This provides a fun opportunity for pupils to guess employers' careers and learn about these. Different employers will rotate around classrooms providing an opportunity for pupils to learn about a wide range of careers.

Linking curriculum to careers

During Year 7, pupils will learn about the following topics relating to careers through the PSHE curriculum:

- Explain what it is to be enterprising.
- Give examples of well-known individuals who could be said to be enterprising in their approach to new situations.
- List examples of employability skills.
- Identify their own enterprise and employability skills and areas to focus on for development.
- Demonstrate enterprise and teamwork skills by working on a group project.
- Practise leadership skills during group activities.
- Recognise several different employment sectors.
- Identify which employment sector different jobs belong to.
- List some of the skills, abilities and qualities that would make someone suited to work in different employment sectors.
- Explain that we all have the same rights to opportunities in learning and work.
- Describe different types of work, including employment, self-employment, and voluntary work.
- Understand the importance of having goals and aspirations and identifying their own aspirations.

- Explain why it is important to start thinking about the future today.
- Explain which skills, abilities, and qualities for employability they already have and which they would like to develop.
- Challenge stereotypes which might limit aspirations and career ambitions through discussion and conduct.

Pupils in year 7 will develop their understanding to enable them to answer the following questions:

- What does it mean to be enterprising?
- What enterprise and employability skills do you have?
- What different job sectors currently exist in the UK?
- What kinds of jobs feature in which job sector?
- What skills, abilities and qualities would suit different employment sectors?
- How might the job market be likely to change in your lifetime?
- What rights do people all share in places of study and in the workplace?
- What stereotypes sometimes undermine these rights?
- What can people do if they feel they are being discriminated against?
- How can people challenge stereotypes and/or family/cultural expectations about learning and work?
- What skills, abilities, strengths, and interests do you currently have?
- What career choices might link to these?

The careers department work closely with all departments to link careers to curriculum. For example, posters are displayed within departments showing possible careers linked to each subject.

Career Guidance resources

All Year 7 pupils have access to the Careers Advisor and can arrange meetings upon request. The Careers office is based in the corner of the library and drop-in appointments are also welcome during break and lunchtimes.

The careers library stocks a wide range of books covering a variety of careers and alternative pathways. There are also a wide range of prospectuses for Higher and Further Education.

The Careers department works closely with the Cabin for those pupils with Autism, KS3 support for pupils with emotional and behavioural needs and The Centre for those with SEND.

For further information and to get involved in future career events, please complete the following online form: [Building a Parent, Student & Alumni Network \(typeform.com\)](https://www.typeform.com/building-a-parent-student-and-alumni-network)

If any employers would like to discuss opportunities for attending career events or providing work experience opportunities, please get in touch with Mrs Fay Lawson at flawson@combertonvc.org