

Information for Parents

The information provided on this page is intended to help you support your child on their careers journey during their time at St Bede's. You will find a variety of links that will help you guide your son through their key transition points (Yr7, Yr9, Yr11 and Yr13).

Career Education Information and Advice

Career Guidance

Career Guidance is an opportunity for students have a one-to-one meeting with a careers professional to discuss their 'next steps'. All students will have their one-to-one meeting with an independent careers advisor from Careerwave by the end of year 11 and Yr13 if they continue into Byron. Your child will be issued an appointment time a week before their meeting. This is an opportunity for your child to share their ideas and explore their post 16 options, as well as receive information, advice and guidance to help them make informed decisions. Following your child's careers guidance meeting he will be provided with a personal action plan that you can share with you and that you can discuss together, as a family. If you or your child has any further questions about the action plan please contact Mrs Robinson for further advice.

Career Guidance appointments can be requested for Yr9 students wishing to discuss their option choices. To make an appointment please contact Mrs Robinson.

Email: enquiries@st-bedes.durham.sch.uk

Work Experience

All Yr10 and Yr12 students will have the opportunity to engage in one week of work experience. We believe this enables all students to experience first-hand experiences of the workplace to help them explore career opportunities. Engaging with work experience placements can significantly benefit students in areas of communication and interpersonal skills, increased confidence, increased understanding of the world of work and key industries, improved employability, increased maturity, team working skills, increased independence, enhanced independence, time-management skills, a clearer sense of career aspirations, greater motivation to engage in education, understanding educational and career pathways, easier transition from education to work, improved educational attainment and many more.

A launch assembly will be delivered in partnership with, Future First to give an insight into work experience and how to find and secure a work placement. It is sometimes useful to tap into your own contacts to help find a placement, friends and family may be able to help you out or you can support your son in researching and contacting local employers.

Labour Market Information (LMI)

Labour market information tells you about the local or national demand there is for different skills and from different industries. Labour market information tells you:

Which jobs are likely to be easiest or hardest to find in your area

Which are the big employers in different areas and which ones have jobs on offer

What skills employers are looking for and which are in short supply

How much you can expect to be paid in specific jobs

What working conditions are like

What qualifications will be most helpful if you want a certain career

What the jobs of the future might look like and which jobs might disappear

All of these factors can help your son make a more informed decision about what career path to take.

There are certain areas of industry where the North East performs strongly, and which is likely to grow in the future, based on what we know at the moment. In the North East, the sectors that we expect to grow in the future are: Digital Advanced manufacturing Health and life sciences Energy.

The North East have identified four main growth areas:

- Advanced Engineering
- Digital
- Energy
- Health & Life Sciences

Current LMI information shared with yourselves and students at transition points in Yr7, Yr9, Yr11 and Yr13. The LMI information can help inform students when making careers decisions involving subject choices for both Further and Higher Education as well as option choices at GCSE.

Alumni

We work closely with our Alumni to share their journey with your child. We encourage Yr11 and Yr13 students to sign up to future first so that we can keep in touch. We would also love to hear from any parents that attended St Bede's to let you know how you can give back to your school, as well as sharing news and updates, and hopefully you can return to share your story and inspire the younger generation!

Contact

If you would like to feedback on our careers programme, have any questions about careers or would like to volunteer your time to support the programme please contact Mrs Robinson, Careers Leader.

Email: enquires@st-bedes.durham.sch.uk