

Introduction to Careers at Beechwood School

Beechwood School is committed to developing workplace skills alongside academic skills. Careers' Education and Guidance has an absolutely essential role to play in preparing students for choices, changes and transitions they will encounter as they become adults.

Careers' education is a major aspect of our PSHCE programme as well as being integrated into Enterprise Learning across the school.

The school has a strong relationship with 'Adviza' who provide expert careers' guidance through small groups or one-to-one meetings. All students at KS4 and KS5 will receive at least one 1:1 interview with Ramandeep Kaur, our Careers' Adviser from Adviza. Ramandeep Kaur is based in the Careers'/IAG Office located on the ground floor of the Blue wing (Wednesdays at break, lunchtime or by appointment).

We also have the services of Michael Saunders, an experienced Careers' Adviser, who is available by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students are encouraged to speak with their personal tutor at any time.

The latest Careers' Statutory guidance was published January 2018, that includes a number of new requirements for school careers' programmes. Most of these requirements are to be met by the end of 2020. Many of the requirements are already met at Beechwood, but we will be working towards developing our provision to ensure that it is outstanding and fully compliant.

The most immediate requirement is for all schools to have a policy for 'Provider Access' so that everyone is clear on how and when 'outside organisations' will be allowed access to Beechwood students to promote other educational routes and training opportunities. We have a clear statement of practice and a provision map.