

Careers Advice, Information and Guidance (CEIAG)

When students leave Chenderit School at the end of their studies, they may feel overwhelmed by their options. In Chenderit School we offer CEIAG throughout their education through guest speakers and events such as tutorial sessions and our Post 18-Pathways evening. However, this information only scratches the surface of the array of opportunities available to young people. We encourage our students to gain work experience, do their research, visit events and conferences and look forward to the possibilities in the next stage of their lives.

Below are some links and information which could be used to start a discussion about their future.

This guide is aimed at students and any parent or carer who may wish to support this process.

University options

A good starting point is UCAs.

<http://www.ucas.com/>

This is the system students use to apply to University. There are many excellent embedded videos to guide you through this system. In Sixth Form, we offer individualised support to ensure students make good choices and make excellent applications through UCAs.

Some students may feel confused about the type of course they can study. It may be worth considering what you want to do in the future. For example, to become a lawyer, you do not have to study law at University. In fact there are some excellent apprenticeship schemes to work in law (please see Apprenticeships below) and many people study their first degree in a subject such as English or History and then complete a Postgraduate course in order to study law. The most important thing is to do your research!

<http://www.ukcoursefinder.com/>

<http://university.which.co.uk/>

University Taster Courses in a range of subjects

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/>

Aston University offer Yr 11/ 12 Parent/ Carer information events this summer (ready for next year)

http://www.aston.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/schliaison/parents/headviceevening/?mc_cid=7b025480ed&mc_eid=6f24ca5f7a

Aston University Sixth Form conferences information:

<http://www.aston.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/sro/post-16/>

Considering Studying Abroad?

Studying degree courses abroad is now an exciting prospect and more students are considering this option. There are advantages, such as immersing yourself in a different language or culture, and many students are attracted by the reduced University fees. Many Universities in Europe offer courses taught in English

There are companies such as Astar Future who offer a lot of support in this area. Also, some foreign Universities offer incentives and information days in England.

Astar Future <http://www.astarfuture.co.uk/>

Norwegian Business School – courses taught in English <http://www.bi.edu/bachelor/>

GAP years

This is another popular option for young people either between the end of their A Levels or after completing a University course. There are numerous GAP year companies who offer different types of packages. You may consider working for a charity in England or abroad. There will be a financial aspect to consider here but raising money for these opportunities show particular skill sets desired by employers. The most important thing is to ensure that you are using you GAP year wisely to learn skills, meet people, or earn qualifications.

<http://www.frontier.ac.uk/>

'Frontier is an international non-for-profit volunteering NGO that manages more than 400 volunteering projects and internship worldwide. We have been running projects for over 25 years, and have worked with a variety of partners including WWF and DFID.

Our projects can be anything between 1-30 weeks and run throughout the year which might be of particular interest to your students, looking to boost their CVs and experience a new country during their holidays or as part of a gap year.

We believe it is important for students to gain as much experience as possible before job hunting which is why we visit over 300 schools across the UK each year, offering general travel information and volunteering advice to students looking to make a difference.'

<https://www.gapyear.com/articles/90431/what-is-a-gap-year>

Winter Sports Company – Ski seasons

<http://www.wintersportscompany.com/about-the-winter-sports-company/canadian-working-visas/>

<http://www.oxfordski.com/the-small-print/recruitment/>

Job/ Training/ Apprenticeship opportunities

After completing GCSEs or A Levels, many students are interested in further training in a more practical environment. Local employers can offer exciting Apprenticeships at different levels. Companies like Aim Apprenticeships offer support, advice and guidance for CV writing and looking for Apprenticeships in the local area.

The National Careers Service offers a lot of free advice and support when looking for a job or training.

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>

The Government's website is an excellent resources for details about Apprenticeships generally and opportunities in the area.

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>

<https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/>

<http://www.aimapprenticeships.co.uk/>

Chenderit School is contacted by local employers about opportunities and it is worth speaking to tutors and the Heads of Year who may know about employers seeking apprentices.