

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance at Bramhall High School 2017 - 18

At Bramhall High we aim to give good quality, impartial advice and guidance; thereby ensuring all our students have the best possible foundation on which to base their future choices and pathways. All students receive an individual interview from Services for Young People (SfYP). Vanessa Gilbert is our key worker.

Services for Young People (SfYP) offer targeted support at Bramhall High that encourages student attendance, greater participation in learning and help students achieve their full potential. A dedicated confidential room for careers guidance interviews is situated in the English Corridor. Parents are always welcome to attend these interviews.

We have a comprehensive careers library offering information on further education, higher education, apprenticeships and employment, as well as prospectuses from all the sixth form colleges in the local area and beyond. Careers information is also advertised on the display boards near the student entrance.

We have invested in three online learning platforms: Start, Unifrog and Apprenticeships. These provide all students with independent, impartial careers advice accessible from home and school. We would like to encourage you to work with your child on their future progression using these programmes

These can be accessed in school from any of the school's computers and the link on the VLE will enable you to access these from home too.

In year 7 and 8 we encourage students to identify their qualities, skills and interests and explore future careers as part of their own personal research projects, along with developing important interpersonal and life skills that will hold them in good stead for their futures. This work occurs in Core Time. Parents' Evenings are attended by local providers for long-term planning.

We ensure guidance is on hand too for Year 8 students should they require further support in order to help them make informed choices regarding their GCSE option choices. We encourage students to look forward to their future life in work, offering support and advice on subject choice through our options process.

Preparing for the Future

Bramhall High offers a wide range of activities and events to support all students in their understanding of careers and work related learning.

In Year 10 one day of SKFL is dedicated to providing an introduction to post 16 options where students explore a variety of opportunities available beyond Year11. This is followed up by a number of group sessions in the Summer Term offering support on choosing Apprenticeships, Vocational Courses and A Levels. We have excellent relationships with our

local colleges and training providers and they deliver a number of informative talks and interactive sessions that seek to support our students in the decision making process.

Our Careers Fair in July provides students and parents the opportunity to meet representatives from sixth form colleges and universities from around the Manchester area, Apprenticeship and training providers and the Armed Forces. College Taster Days in July give each student the opportunity to experience college life for the day as well as sample a range of post 16 courses. They also attend all parents' evenings.

In Year 11 Regular lunchtime sessions are held offering support and guidance on the college application process and applying for an Apprenticeship. These sessions are often supported by local sixth form colleges and training providers. Students interested in Apprenticeships are supported by group sessions to register with the National Apprenticeship Service, ensure CVs are up to date and students fully understand the application process. A carousel of visiting colleges and university talks are all planned and delivered to raise students' awareness and aspirations.

The Russell Group of universities have produced a booklet giving advice on the best subject combinations for a wide range of university courses as well as advice on the best choices if you don't know what you want to study after school and need to keep your options open.

<http://russellgroup.ac.uk/for-students/school-and-college-in-the-uk/subject-choices-at-school-and-college/>

Useful Links

The following links are here to support students, parents and carers through the bewildering array of options and choices that they will face during their time at Bramhall High and beyond:

www.iassnetwork.org.uk

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

www.ucas.ac.uk

www.icould.com

www.careersbox.co.uk- a free online library of careers related film, news and information.

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

<http://theapprenticeacademy.co.uk/>

www.careers-gateway.co.uk

The Labour Market

To find out useful information on the Greater Manchester labour market.

<http://careerpoint-gm.co.uk/staff/labour-market-information/>

Money Matters

The link below provides details of a bursary fund available for students in particular need.

www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund/overview

Parental Guidance. A website providing key information and support to parents as they help and advise young people in their transition from school to adult working life.

www.parentalguidance.org.uk/about-us

A Level Reform – click the link below for up to date information

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/get-the-facts-gcse-and-a-level-reform/get-the-facts-as-and-a-level-reform>

This website allows young people to search for post 16 courses across England and Wales.

www.ucasprogress.com/

Although this is a graduate careers website it provides excellent job information. There are approximately 400 job profiles which can be used to help make an informed career choice and gain a better understanding of what's involved in a wide range of jobs.

www.prospects.ac.uk/