

CEIAG - Careers

- Wixams Academy's Careers programme has been designed to meet the 8 Gatsby benchmarks, and prides itself on preparing our students for the future; whatever that may hold.
- Our dedicated careers lead is **Mrs Lindsey Pearson** (Assistant Principal) lpearson@wixamsacademy.co.uk 01234 608950 and she is available to work with you to explore all your career options; be it post 16, post 18, academic or vocational.
- Our ambition is to ensure that all our students leave us equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to pursue the next stage of their development. We aim to develop student employability skills and ensure that they are well equipped to meet the demands of today's ever changing workplace. Our three core aims are:
 1. To educate aspirational students who understand their capabilities.
 2. To inform and guide students through multiple careers choices and support them in their decisions.
 3. To develop students skills so that they are well rounded individuals equipped with skills for a changing workforce.
- We offer a carefully structured, independent careers programme, ensuring all students are well informed about pathway choices and how this progresses to future employment and training. Careers and preparation for work is a key theme of our PSHCE curriculum taught weekly to all students and ensures that all students aspire to achieve their dreams whilst recognising their strengths and limitations. Each student has access to careers intervention and employer engagement. Some of the companies which add value to students at the Academy are, **Lockheed Martin, The University of Bedfordshire, Cranfield University, Santa Pod and many more** . We are lucky enough to also have signed up to partner with the Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC) and South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP).

In addition to the offer of careers support, The Academy has introduced the [Start Profile](#) as the preferred online careers guidance platform. Start helps schools and colleges to meet their statutory duties around careers guidance, combining the most comprehensive source of information with a personalised student experience and tracking capabilities to help teachers monitor student progress and engagement. We inform all our students about local, national and international labour market information ensuring that they are fully up to date with current work practices.

1-2-1 meetings, trips, talks and work-experience all form a part of the programme and ensure that all aspects of careers education are explored.

In addition to this we follow up, and where necessary, offer further support to students after they leave the Academy.

Our entitlement statement outlines what students and parents can expect to receive during their time with Wixams Academy.

Some useful websites to support your own research:

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

<https://www.careersadviceforparents.org/>

<https://apprenticeships.qa.com/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-parents-guide-to-apprenticeships>

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/skills-health-check/home>

<https://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk/school-leaver-options>

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/>

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

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

www.startprofile.com