

Information for Staff



As a member of staff you are an important part of the careers provision for Keswick School students. Whether teaching or non-teaching, you will come into contact with students and you may well be asked careers-based questions or take part in a careers- based discussions.

It is important to remember that even though you are an expert in your own field, you are not a trained careers professional; you are **not** a Careers Advisor and you are not expected to be one. These professionals are trained to at least a Level 6 specialist qualification.

If you feel that a student would benefit from a 1:1 careers interview from our dedicated Level 6 Careers Advisor, Val Cumberbatch from Inspira, please contact Mel Avery, Careers Leader, to arrange.

However, we should all try to give good advice or at least point students and parents/carers in the right direction whenever we can.

Our job is to help our students to leave us happy, having reached their potential and prepared for the careers pathways ahead of them.

So what can you do?

Here are some ideas:

- Log on to **START**, the online careers platform that all of our students have access to in school
- become familiar with the ***Keswick School Careers Programme*** (to the right of this page) to see what we offer our students
- imbed careers into your subject curriculum to help students see the links between their study now and when they leave us
- ensure that the careers logo is displayed at the front of each classroom and is used alongside any explicit teaching of careers.
- show our students what is out there in the world of work beyond the school environment by exploring real-life applications of subject skills
- reinforce the importance of transferrable employability skills, such as responsibility, team-work, communication, resilience and problem-solving
- encourage students to take part in extra-curricular activities, the Duke of Edinburgh award, the Duke of York Inspiring Digital Enterprise award, and NCS
- keep careers notice boards up-to-date
- take a look at some of the websites below to get a flavour of what is out there for our young people these days

- become familiar with the different qualifications students are offered, beyond GCSE's and A Levels
- refer students to Mel Avery, Careers Lead, to members of the 6th form team (Simon Purdy, Sophie French, Tony Foody, Carol McIntosh and Christine Lennon) or to heads of departments

Never be afraid to admit that you don't know the answer yet, but that you will find someone who does very soon.

General

- <https://www.startprofile.com>
- <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>
- <https://www.inspira.org.uk/>
- <https://advice.milkround.com/tips/advice-for-parents>
- <https://icould.com>
- <https://successatschool.org>
- <https://targetcareers.co.uk>

Apprenticeships

- <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk>
- <https://www.indeed.co.uk>
- <https://amazingapprenticeships.com>
- <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk>
- <https://careermap.co.uk>

Higher Education

University

- <https://www.ucas.com>
- <https://www.whatuni.com>

➤ <https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/>

➤ <https://discoveruni.gov.uk/>

Student Finance

➤ <https://www.gov.uk> › Education and learning › Student finance

➤ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mO_rAsMuAIM (Martin Lewis Student Loans Decoded)

➤ <https://www.ucas.com> › Finance › Student finance in England

Qualification Routes Explained

Qualification Level	Example Qualification Type	Apprenticeship Type
8	Doctorate NVQ Level 5 Vocational Qualifications Level B	
7	Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma Master's Degree NVQ Level 5 BTEC Advanced Professional Award, Certificate and Diploma Level 7	Higher or Degree
6	Degree (with or without Honours) Graduate Certificate or Diploma BTEC Advanced Professional Award, Certificate and Diploma Level 6	Higher or Degree
5	Foundation Degree Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) BTEC Advanced Professional Award, Certificate and Diploma Level 5 NVQ Level 4	Higher
4	Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) BTEC Advanced Professional Award, Certificate and Diploma Level 4 NVQ Level 4 Key Skills Level 4	Higher
3	A Levels (A-E grade) AS Levels NVQ Level 3 Key Skills Level 3 City & Guilds/BTEC	Advanced

2	GCSEs (9-4 or A*-C grade) NVQ Level 2 Key Skills Level 2 City & Guilds/BTEC Functional Skills/Skills for Life Level 2	Intermediate
1	GCSEs (3-1 or D-G grade) NVQ Level 1 Key Skills Level 1 City & Guilds/BTEC Functional Skills/Skills for Life Level 1	Traineeship
Entry Levels 1-3	Functional Skills/Skills for Life Entry Level	Traineeship

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