

## Careers Guidance Aims

Our aim is to build on Gatsby Principles so that every Year 7 and 8 student at EMS should have knowledge of their own strengths and be able to link these strengths to possible future education and career opportunities. Why consider careers at middle school age?

- Students are now having to make decisions on GCSE options in Year 9 - their first year in upper school. We want to prepare students for these decisions in good time, so they have time to reflect on their options.
- Students who have thought about their possible career destination are more likely to be motivated to work their best and achieve in their chosen area.
- Even for those who do not wish to make choices yet, considering their future prospects encourages students to take responsibility for their learning and to have discussions about their future with parents or carers.

The school undertakes the following careers-related activities:

- We coordinate our careers provision with upper schools to ensure we compliment what they do. Ferndown Upper school provide an excellent, annual day of Careers advice.
- Key stage 3 pupils have a visit from Bournemouth University to discuss FE and Degree level courses. This is followed up by University visit for our vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils where they might not otherwise consider this an option. We view the Cultural Capital crucial.
- We actively engage in enrichment opportunities that addresses gender bias or class barriers.
- We provide opportunities for employers to visit the school to provide students with experiences of the world of work.
- We organise visits to employers for groups of students.
- We provide opportunities for local further education establishments to visit the school, to give students a clearer idea of the education options available to them in the future.
- We point out the relevance of what we teach in the classroom to the world of work, especially for the STEM subjects of Science, Design Technology and Maths.
- Curriculum Intent and implementation - careers education as an integral part of our Wellbeing lessons.

Recommended tools for helping students and parents with career choices:

- [www.successatschool.org](http://www.successatschool.org)
- [www.careerpilot.org.uk](http://www.careerpilot.org.uk)
- [www.plotr.co.uk](http://www.plotr.co.uk)
- [www.russellgroup.ac.uk](http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk)
- [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)
- [www.startprofile.com/](http://www.startprofile.com/)

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