

Careers Education at Torpoint Community College

All students receive a rich provision of classroom and extra-curricular activities that develop a range of character attributes, such as resilience and grit, which underpin success in education and employment. High quality, independent careers guidance is also crucial in helping students emerge from TCC more fully rounded and ready for the world of work.

Young people want and need to be well-informed when making subject and career decisions. DfE, 2016.

The National Framework 11-19 (DFES, 2003) document presents a national Framework for Careers Education and Guidance 11-19. The framework offers guidance on how schools, colleges and work-based training organisations can develop improved programmes of careers education and guidance, which better prepare young people for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

At TCC, this framework has been used as the basis for the Careers Education Programme that students receive. Careers Education takes place in years 7 to 11 within the PSHE curriculum.

Our Progress Targets:

At Key Stage 3:

- To help explore The World of Work
- To help students develop information finding skills
- To identify skills and qualities and foster a sense of self-awareness
- To help students make considered decisions regarding the transition to Key Stage 4
- Use goal setting, review, reflection and action planning to support progress and achievement
- To recognise stereotyped and misrepresented images of people, careers and work and how their own views of these issues affect their decision making
- To recognise and respond to the main influences on their attitudes and values in relation to learning, work and equality of opportunity
- To identify and use a variety of sources of careers information, including ICT

At Key Stage 4:

- To help students explore career / post-16 opportunities
- To provide information to students regarding the Local Labour Market
- To help students make realistic decisions about future opportunities
- To help students complete an action plan and CV
- To explore interview skills, equal opportunities and application processes
- To help smooth students' transition post-16
- To provide students with the opportunity of Work Experience



At TCC, in Year 9: All Students benefit from a one to one interview with Dr. Plumb to discuss their options for GCSE, after being given their option booklets, assemblies and a parent consultation evening.

At TCC, in Year 10: Students are able to go to the **Cornwall or Plymouth Career Shows**. All students take part in a week of work experience to truly experience the world of work. Placements in recent years have included **HMS Raleigh, Devon and Cornwall Police, Barry Evans local builder, Millbrook Primary School, Torpoint Infants School, ICT department Plymouth City College** and a wide range of local businesses as well.

At TCC, in Year 11: All students benefit from regular mentoring sessions by tutors in addition to Parent Consultation Evening and Academic Review Days and have a one to one interview with Mrs Lear to discuss their options for study post-16. **The TCC Sixth Form** information evening is held in November.

Careers Education within our PSHEe curriculum is supplemented by **assemblies** about Apprenticeships and Higher Education, **trips, visits** and **talks by employers** and although not available currently, we have run successful **'Have a Go Skills Shows'** in conjunction with the EBP and a **Careers Fair at TCC** is planned for 2016-17.

Pupil Premium students in year 11 receive extra mentoring and support and our most vulnerable students receive support from Careers South West Advisers. Sixth Form students attend the UCAS Convention and there are trips to University Open Days, such as Plymouth, Exeter, Bristol and Cardiff. We are an Exeter Links College, with close links to the University of Exeter. Exeter University student ambassadors regularly deliver assemblies about higher education and student life to our sixth form students.

Our Careers Co-ordinator, Mrs Bray, has the responsibility for organising the work of careers education throughout the College and is always ready to help parents and students. A comprehensive range of careers literature is available in the Careers section on the library and in the Sixth Form centre.

If you, or a friend of yours, could help by taking a Year 10 student for work experience in the summer term, please contact the college. Our Work Experience Co-ordinator, Pip Mathews, would be delighted to hear from you.

Useful Links for Careers Research:

- CareerMap <https://careermap.co.uk/>
- Career Pilot <http://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>
- Unifrog <https://www.unifrog.org/> (Years 12 and 13)
- DCON Devon Collaborative Outreach Network <http://www.devonoutreachnetwork.co.uk/>
- Next Steps Cornwall <https://www.nextstepscornwall.co.uk/>
- National Career Service <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>
- UCAS <https://www.ucas.com/>



Apprenticeships

- <https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>
- <http://www.getingofar.gov.uk/>
- <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>