

Ridgeway School and Sixth Form College Careers Strategy

At Ridgeway, careers information, advice and guidance is interwoven into the curriculum in all years from 7 -13. The majority of careers education is delivered through the comprehensive mentoring programmes, which are supplemented by several Immersion Days throughout the year. All students also have access to Unifrog 'the complete destinations platform' for career research and career skills development.

The Careers Lead for the school works closely with the Careers & Enterprise Company and the Enterprise Advisor in order to provide employer contact and opportunities to experience the workplace and wider world of work. In addition, students are able to access events and study days provided by local universities.

The events listed below are available to all students and are an outline of what is offered. A comprehensive break down by each year group is provided on the school website under CEIAG, called 'Years 7-13 Plans'. All activities are intended to give our students a broad and impartial exposure to careers and encourage them to have high aspirations in accordance with the eight Gatsby Benchmarks. A summary of careers activities is below:



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Year Group	When	Activity
Year 7	Terms 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentoring Programme • Literature Festival – visiting author session • Opportunities Bulletin via Careers VLE
	Term 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immersion day to include skills and careers routes
Year 8	Terms 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentoring Programme
	Term 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immersion day to include workplace experiences
Year 9	Terms 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentoring Programme • Stem-related careers talk • Students may book appointments for 1:1 careers guidance as required • Opportunities Bulletin via Careers VLE
	Term 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers based Immersion Day for options including Staff and Alumni inspirational talk – Assembly format and employer encounters.
Year 10	Terms 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may book appointments for 1:1 careers guidance as required • Opportunities Bulletin via Careers VLE
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentoring Programme
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers Immersion Day including Career Fayre • University visits

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Year 11	Terms 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students offered 1:1 careers guidance and follow up sessions if required to complete applications. Stem-related careers talk Opportunities Bulletin via Careers VLE
	Term 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentoring programme Swindon College Assembly, R6 Extra careers session, Higher education aspiration assembly, Apprenticeships Workshop Post-16 provider Open Events
	Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> R6 Interviews Study Higher – Revision Conference (Oxford Brookes University) Immersion Day – session on post 16 confidence and career pathways
	Terms 3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent Careers Guidance Counsellor will continue to support students in the preparation for Post 16 external interviews. PPE review – Feb 2018 – Assembly to review PPE's and link to future next steps External Speaker – Motivational speaker to discuss motivation and aspirations R6 maintain contact with those who have applied to R6.
Year 12	Terms 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students may book appointments for 1:1 careers guidance as required Employer/alumni careers talk
	Term 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transition skills Opportunities Bulletin via Careers VLE
	Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to work shadowing Progression Evening Reading university trips Degree careers
	Term 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immersion Day on employability skills Introduction to Unifrog
	Term 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UCAS Convention Trip
	Term 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin UCAS application process University Open Days

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Year 13	Terms 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may book appointments for 1:1 careers guidance as required • Employer/alumni careers talk • Opportunities Bulletin via Careers VLE
	Term 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routes into apprenticeships workshop • Post-18 planning including UCAS applications • Use of Unifrog to inform applications by reviewing personal competencies • CV writing workshop • Interview preparation
	Term 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCAS follow up • Apprenticeship applications • 1 to 1 interviews with CIAG counsellor
	Terms 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCAS Acceptances

Further information regarding careers can be obtained by contacting the Careers Lead, Mr. T Pittaway at pittawayt@ridgewayschool.com

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