

Lockyer's Middle School –Year 7 and 8 Careers Programme 2023-2024

Students in Years 7 and 8 complete the following programme of careers advice and support in a 25 minute tutor group session bi-weekly. Plans for each of these sessions can be viewed separately. This programme is taught by class tutors and planned and monitored by the Heads of Year 7 and 8 who are the school's Careers Leaders.

Year 7	Year 8
<p>Autumn 1 Topic: Why is Education Important? How does education impact on health, happiness, employment and economic well-being?</p>	<p>Autumn 1 Topic: Who is in my Network? Why it's important to impact positively wherever you go.</p>
<p>Autumn 2 Topic: Workplace Behaviour How and why should we behave in a certain manner in school and at work?</p>	<p>Autumn 2 Topic: Get Involved How do skills obtained in extra curricular activities develop into skills used within your chosen career.</p>
<p>Spring 1 Activity: Skills Test 1 Topic: Can Do Attitude Developing a positive mental attitude when things go wrong</p>	<p>Spring 1 Activity: Skills Test 2 Topic: Challenging Assumptions Finding out what employers really want for potential career paths. What are your opportunities?</p>
<p>Spring 2 Topic: The Hidden Roles in Business What are the less obvious opportunities in workplaces?</p>	<p>Spring 2 Topic: Exploring Green Careers Identifying potential careers in the growing 'Green' sector.</p>
<p>Summer 1 Topic: World of Work Why do we get jobs? More than just money. Activity: Use skills test results to research one career path in depth.</p>	<p>Summer 1 Topic: How To Choose a Career How to choose a career path that is right for you. Activity: Use skills test results to search one new career path in depth</p>
<p>Summer 2 Topic: Money skills Budgeting, planning for the future, considering the value of money and getting value for money on purchases.</p>	<p>Summer 2 Topic: Future Focus Preparation Careers in Upper school and beyond</p>

The above programme is based upon guidance from the Gatsby Benchmarks and makes use of resources and ideas from Pearson and Barclays.

In addition to this programme students will participate in at least one meaningful encounter with an employer; at least one of these encounters will be with a STEM employer or workplace.

In 2023-2024 these encounters will include:

- a. Careers events such as careers talks, visiting speakers, careers carousels and careers fairs, dependent upon COVID restrictions.
 - *Year 8 pupils will attend Dorset LA Careers fairs, if run. Additionally, speakers will visit school during the summer term.*
- b. Business games and enterprise competitions.
 - *The school plans to explore the opportunities to enter regional and/or national STEM competitions. The school has expressed interest in hosting a national STEM competition.*