

Careers Education Programme for Claverham Students

The Careers programme at Claverham aims to support you through your journey from leaving Primary school to moving on to Post 16 education or training and beyond. Through a combination of lessons, trips and events we hope to inspire you to fulfil your potential. We will also offer you individual support in making important choices as to where to go and what to do at key decision times.

In Year 7 you will:

Have lessons in Term 4 PSHE that get you thinking about the wide variety of possible career paths that might be open to you in the future. We also introduce you to the idea of managing any money you may have.

You will also be introduced to what our link business General Dynamics UK do, and what experiences they can offer you over the next few years.

In Year 8 you will:

Have lessons in Term 1 PSHE that look at the world of work, the employability skills you can develop both in and out of school, challenge stereotypes about who does certain jobs, and find out what work you are allowed to do as a young person.

General Dynamics UK will lead an assembly to challenge the traditional view of an engineer.

You will be given access to an online information and self-reflection which will use a questionnaire and database to predict what you may enjoy doing in the future.

You will meet our Higher education partners from Sussex University who will talk to you about going to university. Some of you will have the option to join programmes that visit either Sussex university or Oxford and Cambridge universities in later years.

In Year 9 you will:

Prepare for your options choices in Term 3 PSHE by exploring how to use all the information available to you to make the best choice of subjects to continue to GCSE.

You will also have a chance to develop your employability skills via an enterprise activity.

There will be an options evening to discuss what is involved in taking each subject to GCSE.

There is a Careers event in February where you can meet with local business people and professionals and ask them about their work and the career paths they have taken.

General Dynamics UK will come in to your DT lessons to explain to you about some of the things they do.

You may be able to take part in the Making Choices programme offered by Sussex University.

In Year 10 you will:

Be given the opportunity to have a week of work experience in Term 6.

The PSHE lessons in Term 2 will help prepare you to find, and get the most from the work experience. You will also learn about Health and Safety in the workplace.

All students will visit at least one local 6th form college for a transition day for leaving school at the end of Year 11. You will be encouraged to start looking at your options post -16.

You may be able to visit Oxford or Cambridge universities.

You will be offered trips to visit local employers and/or universities if these become available.

General Dynamics UK offer a visit to their site and will take a number of students for work experience.

In Year 11 you will:

Have regular IT supported careers lessons throughout the year. These will help you to research and choose which course or training to follow in Y12 and help you with your applications to the different post 16 education providers. You will then look at local labour market information, further challenge stereotypical careers thinking, recognise and celebrate all the employability skills you have developed, and think about how best to manage your finances going forward.

There is a Moving On event during November where local education and apprenticeship providers make presentations to the whole year group and then have stands for you to visit and ask questions during lunch.

We will make available any information we receive about open evening, events and apprenticeships where they are given.

You will have a 1:1 interview with a qualified Careers Advisor and will be introduced to support available to anyone struggling with making the next steps.

Employees from General Dynamics UK will talk to you about their career paths after they left school.

Beyond Y11:

We will continue to support any pupils needing extra help with moving on with Careers advice and help to get a place in education or training if they contact the Careers Department.

We have an alumni network for ex-students to keep in touch and help inspire the next generation of Claverham students.