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CAREERS EDUCATION AT LCA

"It's about young people finding purpose, discovering what matters to them, their place in the world, the point of studying and getting up in the morning. Sometimes people think careers is just about information about options and planning for the future. It's so much more than that. It can give hope, meaning, purpose, self-esteem and the ability to navigate the challenges of life." Liane Hambly

Careers Education is more than which job you want when you grow up. It's about inspiring young people to want to experience life and have a drive to discover who they are. This is reflected in our school mission state and motto:

> *"Everyone is valued for who they are and what they may become" 'Bydh gwella gylli' - 'Be the Best You Can Be'.*

At Looe Community Academy there is a long standing commitment to the belief that developing the skills, knowledge and attributes necessary for adult working life is a vital part of every student's learning. Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance programmes (CEIAG) make a major contribution to preparing our young people for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences they need to succeed. It is our responsibility as a school to raise awareness of the range of careers, career pathways and training opportunities on offer to enable students to make the right choices at key transition points and leave compulsory education or training, fully equipped for their chosen path(s) ahead. We would like to share with you how you can support your child on this journey through our new newsletter.



Useful Links

School Website-Career Education

Career Pilot- students

Career Pilot- parents

Skills Builder Framework

Skills Builder Homezone

Labour Market Information

Apprenticeships

Our website

We have an area on our school website dedicated to Careers Education. There you can source information to help support your child with their future decisions. There are three helpful sections; information about education options, types of jobs and local opportunities. You can also find information regarding work experience and other useful resources. Please look at this and the career journey your child will take during their 5 years at the academy.



Events

Year 9 Options Evening **Tuesday 28 February**

National Careers Week 6 - 10 March

Year 9 Options Day Wednesday 8 March

Year 7 Enterprise Day Monday 20 March

Year 8 STEM Day Wednesday 28 June

> Year 10 Work **Experience** 17 - 21 July

Career Pilot and Skills Builder

We use two online platforms to support our Careers Programme. Career Pilot is a resource where students can research all they need to discover possible pathways. There are guizzes on skills and values and links to post 16 and post 18 options, apprenticeship and much more. There is a Parent Zone which can help support your child or conduct your own research. All students have an account in Year 7 and use this until Year 11 where their career guidance interviews and action plans are recorded.

Skills Builder is the product of five years' cutting-edge research and design. The Universal Framework makes it possible for everyone to teach, learn, and measure essential skills. This Framework breaks each of the eight skills down into a sequence of steps, taking individuals from being an absolute beginner through to mastery. We are working with our students to build these 8 essential skills within every aspect of academy life. Each half term we focus on a skill where tutors will teach how to build the skills and staff will give students the opportunity to use and be rewarded for developing the skill. This half term will be focusing on Staying Positive. Students can record their progress on the Skills Builder Benchmark and you can support through Skills Builder Homezone.



Skills Builder Careerpilot

Labour Market Information

Look out for changes in the local labour market to see where the future of jobs is heading. This can be accessed in the useful links section.