



Year 11 Careers Newsletter: Friday 26th September 2025

Happy Friday to you all, Year 11

Now that we are almost at the end of September, take some time to reflect on the first few weeks of Term.

- What were your main concerns as the new Term approached?
- What do you feel you have managed better than expected?
- What has not been as positive?
- How are you going to tackle these challenges?

I believe that we should all take time out to reflect on a regular basis. How can we get better if we don't address what isn't working? If we don't reflect, how can we recognise our strengths and do more of what does work? Try it. It is worth it, whether once a day whilst getting ready for school, or once a week when relaxing after a busy time studying.

Do you remember the event that you took part in as Year 10 during the Summer Term? Matt Sen, a former Boxer, ran activities and you were asked to complete a questionnaire online to determine how much you know about career pathways. I have looked through your responses and only 20% of you were aware of what T-Levels are. Another area in which you felt that you lacked awareness was, which websites were the best ones to use for careers advice and guidance. So, I have listed a few that I have tried and tested:

www.startprofile.com and click on:

Students - Explore careers - Right hand side of page: Quick links and click on 'By interests'.....or 'By subjects.'.....

www.careerpilot.com: This website provides information and advice for students aged 11-19 years old about options at 14, 16 and 18, including courses, apprenticeships, T-Levels, college. There are games and quizzes all designed to help you find that ideal career.

[www.bbc.co.uk > bitesize > careers](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers): There are videos, quizzes, information for the local area, Labour Market Information (LMI). This tool tells you what jobs are 'hot' and which are 'not' in our area. How much you can expect to earn, which colleges and companies offer the training and qualifications required for the careers in which you are interested.

What are T Levels: They are 2-year courses for 16–19-year-olds in England and the equivalent to three A-Levels. T Levels combine classroom learning with approximately 45 days/315 hours of work placement to provide practical skills. The course is split, with 80% of the time spent in the classroom gaining knowledge and skills, and the remaining 20% on an in-depth industry placement. T Levels offer an alternative pathway to A Levels, or other post-16 qualifications, preparing students for entry into specific technical roles. Students are also required to work towards achieving Maths and English if they have not already achieved grade 4 at GCSE, as students also do on other 16 to 19 programmes. Types of T Levels offered range from: Marketing to Accountancy and from Agriculture to Engineering and Health.

I hope this has clarified a few key issues for you. If you do require any further career-related questions answering, please let me know.

Enjoy a restful weekend

Mrs Griffiths-Jones