



Careers Advice at Tomlinscote
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Trust Careers Services

Careers Education at Tomlinscote

Ms Crabtree (Careers Lead) oversees all of our careers education, provision and transition. Please get in touch for any careers or progression related queries: ccrabtree@tomlinscoteschool.com



Ms Livesey (Assistant Principal- Personal Development) is the SLT Link for Careers Education.



Prospect Trust Careers Service: Careers Advisers

We work with the following dedicated Careers Advisers: Lorna Durbridge and Jane Owen. Lorna is available in school every Tuesdays and Fridays and Jane does virtual meetings on a Wednesdays and Thursdays morning. The careers discussions take place in the Careers room in the LRC. You can contact your advisers for information:

careers@prospecttrust.org.uk



How Can Careers Advice Help?

Advisers can help with...

- Discussing your career ideas
- Guidance on choosing your GCSE options
- Finding out about college courses
- Exploring university opportunities
- Learning about apprenticeships
- Help with job hunting

...But can't

- Provide instant information on anything
- Encourage unrealistic ideas or ambition
- Tell you what to do with your life!



Year 11

- All students in Year 11 will have had at least one Careers Appointment between the Easter of Year 10 and Easter of Year 11.
- If you have already had one but you feel you would benefit from seeing a Careers Adviser again, you can request a meeting via the following routes:
 - ▶ Through Mrs Khan (Careers Administrator)
 - ▶ Through Ms Crabtree or Ms Livesey in school
 - ▶ Through speaking to the advisers:
careers@prospecttrust.org.uk



Year 11 – What are your options?

- You need to remain in some kind of education until you are 18. This does not mean that you have to go to college full time, you could consider following an apprenticeship programme that allows you to earn and learn at the same time.

The 3 main routes to qualifications are:

- A Levels - Entry requirements are: 5x 9-4 grades at GCSE (a 6 or higher is required in some subjects). 3-4 subjects are studied over 2 yrs
- BTEC & T Levels, vocational subjects - Several levels available so entry requirements vary
- Usually one 'industry area' is studied e.g. Hairdressing, Mechanics, I.T
- Apprenticeship - Several levels are available so entry requirements vary
- Involves learning the skills for one job in particular



Year 10

- During the spring and summer terms, Year 10 students will be booked in for a careers appointment. These continue throughout Year 11.
- If you are in Year 10 and would like to have an appointment this year please get in touch: You can do this by speaking with your **Tutor, speaking to Mrs Khan or Ms Crabtree/Ms Livesey**
- You can also speak directly with the advisers every Tuesday & Thursday and every other Monday. You can also email them at: careers@prospecttrust.org.uk
- **The Careers Advisers will be in the LRC - Careers Room**



Year 9

- Confused about choosing your GCSE options?
- Your advisers can help you look at the options available. More information will be shared during the option process
- See the next pages for some good and bad reasons to pick a subject...



How to choose a GCSE subject

Do choose a subject because:

- You are interested in the subject and think you would enjoy learning about it
- It is relevant to your career ideas (if you have any - don't worry if you don't!)
- It will keep a broad range of options open to you
- You are doing well in the subject
- Your teachers think it is a suitable choice
- You like the way it is assessed
- It will combine well with other subjects and help your general education



How to choose a GCSE subject

Don't choose a subject because:

- Your friends are picking it (this doesn't mean that *you* will enjoy it too!)
- You like the teacher (your favourite teacher might leave!)
- You think you *should* do it even though you don't want to
- Your parents think you should take it but it doesn't interest you
- You know someone who has done it and they say it was great (everyone's different!)
- It's thought of as a 'cool' subject by most people
- You think it will be easy
- It sounds good but you haven't really found out about it



Year 7 & 8

- The Careers Service is available to all students in all year groups
- If you would like to speak to an advisor about anything careers related then please get in touch: You can do this by speaking with your **Tutor**, speaking to **Mrs Khan** (careers administrator) or **Ms Crabtree/Ms Livesey** (Assistant Principal- Careers Lead)



Useful Websites

www.careerpilot.org.uk

www.icould.com

www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

www.ucas.com

