

Careers Newsletter

Spring 2025



Dear Parents/Carers/Staff and Pupils,

We are delighted to share the updated news of our successful careers programme. We are continuing to teach careers in both KS2 and KS3 in our Wellbeing (PSHE) curriculum in explicit lessons, as well as using the language of careers across the school in the form of the eight essential life skills in our E-Praise reward system.



As well as our Wellbeing lessons, we will be taking opportunities throughout our daily school life in sharing job descriptions and career paths of our visitors, as well as our staff. A focus on the careers curriculum also features predominantly in the personal development strand of our school action plan.

Gatsby Benchmarks

There are eight Gatsby benchmarks which are a framework of eight key principles designed to guide schools and colleges in England towards providing world-class career guidance, ensuring young people have the information and experiences needed to make informed decisions about their future.

At Emmanuel, we have been working hard to ensure that all the Gatsby Benchmarks are covered and we are delighted to announce that at our most recent Compass+ evaluation, we have achieved all eight benchmarks at the middle school level.

We also use Compass + which is a digital tool, to track progress, and report on our careers activities at an individual student level. This means that each pupil has an individual career passport that can be transferred to their upper school.



Skills Builder Workshops

In the summer term, rather than teaching the range of core employability skills over a whole day, the Skills Builder workshops will focus on two elements of speaking to ensure maximum impact - the first session will develop the pupils' ability to speak clearly and with appropriate tone, expression and gestures.

Unifrog



In keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school/college, we will now be using Unifrog; an award-winning, online careers platform. All students in Years 7 and 8 will be able to have access to this excellent platform. The Unifrog platform is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures. It is full of information about job roles and responsibilities, as well as entry qualifications and salary scales. We will be using Unifrog in the Wellbeing lessons, but pupils will also be able to access it at home through their own personalised log in.

Our careers Programme for 2025

	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Autumn Term			Future Skills Questionnaires on Compass+	Careers Fair at QE Moors Valley- Workplace Visit Future Skills Questionnaires on Compass+
Spring Term	Dreams and Goals Unit		Step into the NHS Competition Developing Skills and Aspirations Careers unit	Apprenticeship assembly with Jo Small Unifrog Launch and lessons Options and Choices Play funded by BUS Community and Careers Unit (Spring 2) Brockenhurst College Assembly

Summer Term	Skills Builder workshops on speaking and Listening Space Careers Talk	Skills Builder workshops on speaking and Listening Careers Speed networking Event	Skills Builder workshop on speaking. Skills Builder workshop on listening. Unifrog launch and Lessons	Skills Builder workshop on speaking. Skills Builder workshop on listening. Visit to Bournemouth University
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It is never too early to think about what you want to do or be when you leave school and we would encourage you to talk about your own qualifications, jobs and career paths with your children. At Emmanuel Middle School everything we do for our young people is rooted in our core values of Excellence, Endeavour and Enjoyment – our 3 Es. This includes not only preparing pupils for their next steps, but also encouraging them to look further forward to what they might want to achieve in their future education and subsequent careers.

Thank you to parents who previously contacted the school about sharing their career paths. We welcome any new offers and will be organising a speed networking event in the summer term if you are interested in participating.

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