Careers Programme and Calendar 2026-27

Saint George Catholic College

Our careers programme is a planned and progressive programme of careers education, information, advice and guidance for Years 7-11. It is structured around the updated Gatsby Benchmarks and is designed to help every student build knowledge of themselves, pathways, workplaces and the labour market so that they can make informed and aspirational decisions.

Progressive entitlement by year group

Year	Core focus / learning outcomes	Typical entitlement
7	Explore strengths, interests and the breadth of the world of work; begin to challenge stereotypes.	Employer encounter(s); careers learning through PSHE/curriculum; careers platform/resources; National Careers Week.
8	Broaden knowledge of sectors and routes; understand that technical and apprenticeship pathways sit alongside academic routes.	Meaningful employer encounter(s); provider access encounter(s); careers enrichment; PSHE/curriculum learning; careers platform/resources.
9	Connect GCSE choices and curriculum learning with future pathways; develop understanding of labour market information and progression routes.	Employer encounter(s); provider access encounter(s) as scheduled; careers enrichment; technical/vocational route information; National Careers Week.
10	Prepare for post-16 choices and the workplace; develop employability skills and first-hand understanding of work.	Personal guidance as appropriate; careers fair/events; provider encounters; college/taster activity; two-week work experience; employer/workplace encounters.

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11	Make and implement an informed post-16 plan; understand applications, apprenticeships, technical and academic routes and next steps.	Personal guidance; weekly/regular college and provider assemblies; provider encounters; application support; destination tracking and transition support.

2026-2027 planned calendar

The programme is responsive: additional employer, provider, university, college and workplace opportunities may be added during the year.

Month	Planned provision
September	Y7: Southampton Boat Show (23 Sept); Army Careers Day (25 Sept). Y10: Work Experience launch and Saint George Careers Fair (29 Sept). Y11: Saint George Careers Fair (29 Sept) and weekly college assemblies.
October	Y8: Provider Access Assembly - Department for Work and Pensions (9 Oct); TECK:TRUCK (20 Oct). Y9: I-Construct/CETC College (15-16 Oct); TECK:TRUCK (20 Oct). Y10: TECK:TRUCK (20 Oct). Y11: weekly college assemblies; Provider Access Assembly - SETA Apprenticeships (22 Oct).
November	EBP in-school careers fair (30 Nov) across relevant year groups; Y9 MTCP event (19 Nov); Y11 weekly college assemblies.
December	Y11 weekly college assemblies.
January	Y8: EBP Careers Day (22 Jan). Y11 weekly college assemblies.
February	Y9: EBP Careers Day (25 Feb).
March	National Careers Week (1-5 Mar) across Years 7-11. Y8: Construct & Create Trip (24 Mar). Y9: Crime Workshop (12 Mar).
April	Y9: EBP Careers Insider Trip (30 Apr).
May	Y10: Your Future Event 2027 (13 May).
June	Y7: Legoland Trip (11 Jun). Y8: Seawork's Trip (17 Jun). Y10: College Taster Days (TBC); Work Experience begins 28 Jun.
July	Y10: Work Experience continues to 9 Jul.

Accessing the programme

Students, parents/carers, staff, employers and education/training providers can access careers information through the College careers webpage and may contact the Careers Team for

further information. Employers and providers who wish to support the programme are encouraged to contact the Careers Team.

Personal guidance

Every student is expected to have at least one personal guidance meeting with an appropriately trained careers adviser by age 16, with additional guidance scheduled according to individual need and significant decision points.

Measuring impact

The College evaluates the programme using student and stakeholder feedback, destination/NEET information, participation and outcome information, and progress against the Gatsby Benchmarks through Compass+ or equivalent tools. Findings inform future planning and improvement.

This programme information will next be reviewed by September 2027.