

Year 11 Career Planner

Bishop Vaughan School: 2024/25

Remember To:

- Use the Careers Wales website to research career ideas and for information on post 16 options
- Attend College Open Events starting in the Autumn/Spring Term
- Attend 6th Form Open Events in the Spring Term
- Complete College & 6th form applications by Spring Term
- From Christmas onwards start researching / applying for Apprenticeship opportunities
- Contact your Careers Adviser if you need help and support with your plans

Helen Williams is your school Careers Adviser. You can also contact her in school or via phone/ e-mail:

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Useful websites to help research your career plans:

Information on Post 16 Options: Careers Wales website:

<https://careerswales.gov.wales/plan-your-career/options-at-16>

<https://careerswales.gov.wales/careers-professionals/careers-wales-promotional-materials/subject-posters>

For those interested in reseaching Colleges:-

NPTC (Neath College) - <https://www.nptcgroup.ac.uk/>

Gower College - <https://www.gcs.ac.uk/>

Bridgend / Pencoed College - <https://www1.bridgend.ac.uk/>

Coleg Sir Gar - <https://www.colegsirgar.ac.uk/>

** If you are interested in finding out more about courses at a college or 6th Form not listed, or need information on Work based Training as an alternative to College/6th form, please speak to your Careers Adviser**

Apprenticeships / Employment Opportunities:

Careers Wales - <https://careerswales.gov.wales/apprenticeships>

Indeed - <https://www.indeed.co.uk/>

College & 6th Form Open Evenings 2024/25:

Please check individual School websites for links to events...

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NPTC (Neath College) – the following is a link to dates / times for events on all campuses: <https://www.nptcgroup.ac.uk/open-evenings/>

Gower College – the following is a link to dates / times for events on all campuses: <https://www.gcs.ac.uk/open-evenings>

Bridgend College – <https://www1.bridgend.ac.uk/book-your-place/>

Coleg Sir Gar – <https://www.colegsirgar.ac.uk/index.php/en/about-mobile/open-days>

Things to do ...

Planning and researching your options will help you make the best choices for your future:

Autumn Term 2025:	TO DO BY	DONE THAT √
Start researching options / career ideas using https://careerswales.gov.wales/		
Use information on college / school websites to start researching courses		
Attend college / school 6 th form open events to find out more about courses		
Let my Careers Adviser know if I am interested in training (apprenticeships) or job vacancies and use the apprenticeship section on the Careers Wales website to find out more.		
Other things I need to do:		

Spring Term 2025:	TO DO BY	DONE THAT √
After mock exams discuss my grades with my teachers		
Think about a back-up plan in case I don't get the grades I need		
Complete college / 6 th form application forms and return on time. Ask my Careers Adviser or check prospectuses if unsure of closing dates		
If I am considering training (apprenticeships) or employment, I will need to check for new vacancies at least once a week, I will also need to check the Careers Wales website and speak to my Careers Adviser		
Research local employers and check if they are recruiting apprentices, using career / vacancy pages on their websites as a starting point		
Start applying for suitable apprenticeship opportunities		
Attend interviews for college courses		
Other things I need to do:		

Summer Term 2025:	TO DO BY	DONE THAT √
Maintain contact with my Careers Adviser for any further help or support with my next step plans		
At results time I can get help and advice from Careers Wales		