



Careers Programme Information

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At Denton Community College we work to ensure all our students and their parents have access to a wide range of opportunities and experiences to help equip them to make informed decisions about their future.

At KS3 we look to raise student's aspirations and support them in investigating future pathways and professions. Through the PHSE curriculum students learn important information regarding careers education. Our annual careers fair builds on this knowledge and provides students the opportunity to meet a wide variety of employers from a variety of different employment sectors as well as local vocational training providers. From Year 9 students have the opportunity to visit universities and to explore a variety of Post-16 routes into Higher Education. Students are supported and guided through making their GCSE option choices with workshops, assemblies and the Year 9 Options Evening. All students are provided with labour market information on an annual basis, which also helps them to understand local trends in employment.

At KS4 the students are informed of the different Post-16 pathways through a variety of activities with local colleges, training providers and apprenticeship providers. These are delivered in a number of ways, including assemblies, careers fairs, form-time presentations, college taster days, work experience, application support sessions and mock interviews. We aim to provide students with information to make informed decisions about their future. This is further supported by a 1-1 careers advice session with a qualified advisor from Positive Steps.

Work experience and links with local employers

As a school we have established and developed excellent links with a significant number of local employers. We use these to provide valuable learning enrichment and experience opportunities for our students. In Year 10, all students participate in a week long work experience placement. We also work alongside local employers who provide mentoring programmes for our students. Every student across the college has the opportunity to meet employers from different job sectors during our annual careers fair. All Year 11 students take part in a mock interview with a local employer who will then provide constructive feedback regarding their performance.

Opportunities with Post-16 providers

We have strong links with all of our local colleges and they provide a number of opportunities for KS4 students to understand the different pathway options available to them when they leave school. In Year 10, all students have the opportunity to attend at least two Post-16 provider taster days, which allows them to experience college life and learn about the courses available to them. In Year 11, local Post-16 providers deliver a comprehensive programme of assemblies and form-time presentations. This introduces students to the opportunities available to them as well as important information regarding courses and entry requirements. They also support students with regular application sessions and attend careers fairs at the college. All local Post-16 providers are invited to and attend Parents' Evenings for students in Years 9, 10 & 11. They also attend our annual Year 11 Aspirations Evening and Year 9 Options Evening, providing opportunity for students and parents to discuss Post-16 opportunities directly with the providers.

Apprenticeship providers

All students in Year 11 are provided with information regarding apprenticeships. Presentations are delivered by Greater Manchester Learning Platform and students who wish to pursue this pathway are supported through specific application writing sessions. We also work alongside a number of training providers who support Year 11 with their applications.

Higher education and university providers

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 are given the opportunity to visit a number of universities around the country. These range from campus tours and presentations on higher education to subject specific days, where students visit a department and take part in a variety of workshops. In Year 11 students also have the opportunity to attend Accessing Professions Days in Medicine and Law at the University of Manchester.

How do we measure and assess the impact of the curriculum in our careers programme of study?

- Destination measures
- Work experience evaluation
- Student feedback
- Employer feedback

Useful websites:

National Careers Service

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

National Apprenticeship Website

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>

Bridge GM - labour market information

<http://bridgegm.co.uk/labour-market-information>

The Growth Company - provides information on apprenticeships in Greater Manchester

<http://www.growthco.uk/>

Juniper Training - provides information on apprenticeships and traineeships

<https://www.junipertraining.co.uk/>