

St Joseph's Careers Newsletter



Careers Learning Journey.

We spend time at St Joseph's planning a range of events; activities in subject areas, and enrichment to help students along their career journey.

Around the school we have displayed the careers journey to help students understand some of the different opportunities they will have in the future. This poster could also be used as a starting point for discussing careers at home.



Experience of Universities



Meeting different employers



What different jobs are there in STEM?



Which subjects do I enjoy? What careers could link to them?



What different types of Apprenticeships are there?



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We aim for students leave school resilient, confident and well rounded individuals with the knowledge to make informed future choice. Driven to success by clear goals, they are outward facing members of society, making positive contributions.



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Alumni...Find out what some of our past students are up to now...

Name	Andrew Hill
Current occupation/job	International Sales Engineer
When did you attend St Joseph's? (Years)	2002-2007 Comp and 2007-2009 6th Form
What did you do when you left St Joseph's?	Went to Northumbria University to study History & Politics graduating in 2012
Have you been employed in other roles/professions?	Other Sales Engineer roles at Tyne Valves Ltd and BEL Valves
What is a typical day in your current job like?	Dealing with clients in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, chemical and food & beverage industries from the UK and Eastern Europe. Discussing their mechanical and process issues relating to PTFE lined flexible hoses, and trying to find solutions to their problems. I will also have to perform day to day sales activities. There is no travelling at the moment with Covid-19 and the international travel ban, but that will be regular once things start to get back to normal.

Name	Megan Durrant
Current occupation/job	Registered Nurse
When did you attend St Joseph's? (Years)	2001-2006 (2008 6th form)
What did you do when you left St Joseph's?	Attended university to do my Nursing Diploma
Have you been employed in other roles/professions?	Casual bar work but mostly in health care
What is a typical day in your current job like?	Working in critical care I do 12 hour shifts, looking after critically ill people in intensive care. Varied roles from drug titration, constant observations, minor procedures and person care
Which qualifications are needed for the job you do?	Required GCSE for uni course however Diploma in nursing however I have topped up to a masters in Critical care nursing whilst I was working

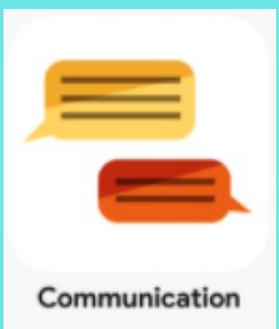
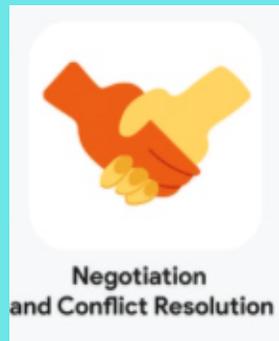
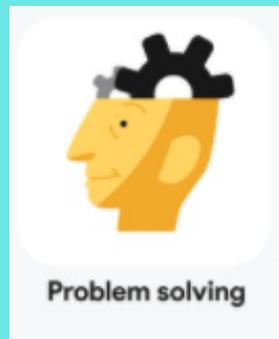
Name	Paul Fairweather
Current occupation/job	Vice President Siemens Middle East
When did you attend St Joseph's? (Years)	1977-1982
What did you do when you left St Joseph's?	Apprentice Electrician and part time National Certificate in Electronics/Microelectronics
Have you been employed in other roles/professions?	Sales, Product Management, Regional Management but nearly 30 years with Siemens
What is a typical day in your current job like?	Responsible for 13 Middle East countries providing Electrical Power Infrastructure so managing Engineering, Execution and Manufacturing with a team of about 300
Which qualifications are needed for the job you do?	Batchelor Degree or better Masters but I have an ONC.....



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Careers Subject Posters



CAREERS

Skill 1

Accurate Working

- Finance
- Science research
- Medical Research

Skill 2

Communication

- Teacher
- Stockbroker
- Estate agent

NORTH EAST
AREAS OF GROWTH

Digital			Energy
Advanced Manufacturing			Health and Life Science

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WHAT COULD YOU DO WITH MATHS?

Skill 2

Problem Solving

- Architect
- Engineering
- Surveyor

Skill 4

Logical Thinking

- Logistics Thinking
- IT and Computer Coding
- Game Design

How do your subject skills link to careers?



The skills developed in different subjects will often link to possible careers. Employers will often call them soft skills. These posters are displayed around school. Being able to talk about the skills you have developed is a big focus area when we have asked employers what they want to see. Starting to think about three skills you have and where you have shown them is a good starting point to prepare for future careers...

The careers posters can give you some ideas.



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Name	Kieran Maxwell
Current occupation/job	I work for an MP in the Houses of Parliament. My title is Senior Parliamentary Assistant.
When did you attend St Joseph's? (Years)	2007 - 2014
What did you do when you left St Joseph's?	I stayed on at St Joseph's for 6th Form, and then I went to the University of Sheffield to do a degree in History and Politics. I got ABB in my A Levels and a B in the EPQ - I wouldn't have got into uni if I didn't do the EPQ! I was elected as President of Sheffield Students' Union, so I stayed in Sheffield for another year to do that, then I moved to London.
Have you been employed in other roles/professions?	I was an intern for 38 Degrees, the online campaigns and petition website when I first moved to London, where I designed graphics for social media, wrote campaign emails and worked on campaign strategy.
What is a typical day in your current job like?	No two days are the same! I talk to journalists to try and get my MP to go on the news and write press releases to get our stories into newspapers. I write speeches for my MP to give in the House of Commons. I manage a couple of interns, and I work with them to make videos and design graphics to put up on social media. I've gone with my MP on visits, talking to people up and down the country. I've written briefings and had meetings with senior politicians - just yesterday I was stood in the queue to buy a coffee next to Keir Starmer!
Which qualifications are needed for the job you do?	Most people doing my job have a degree but it's not essential. You need strong writing and communication skills; a good understanding of politics, and a keen eye for what makes a good news story. It's good to get involved in a political party or another campaign group; write articles for newspapers or blogs, and just show that you're dedicated to making things better for everyone!



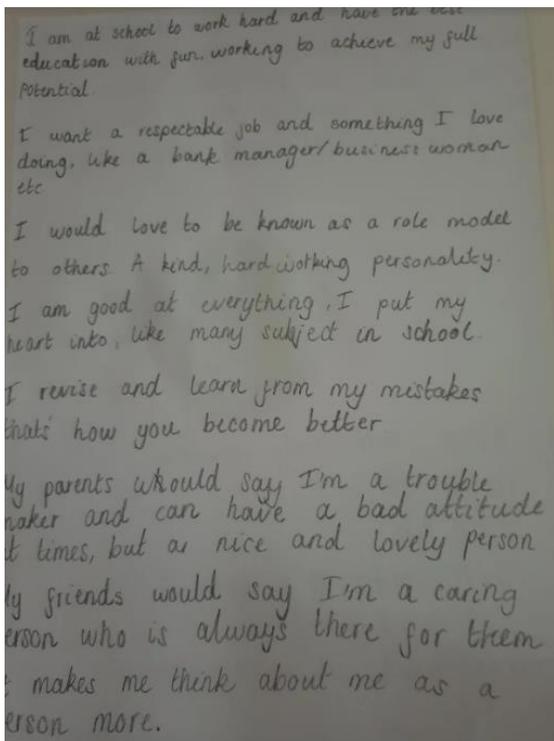
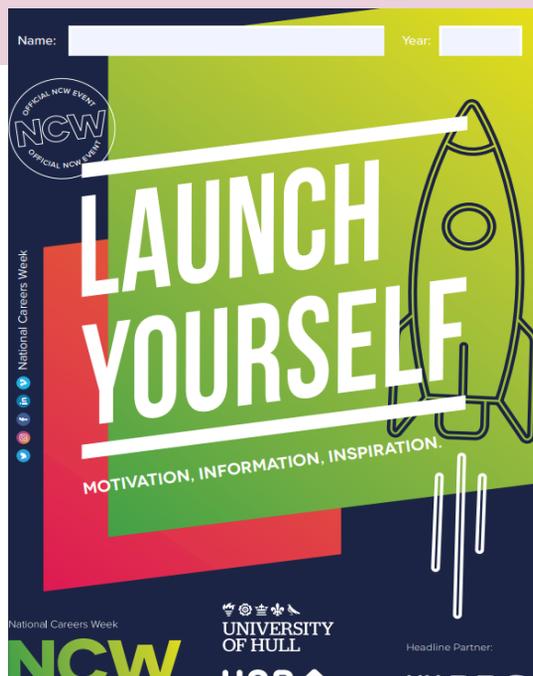
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Careers during lockdown.

There were still a lot of opportunities for students to engage with careers virtually during the recent lockdown period. These are just a few of the events we offered and the work produced by students.

Students across year groups worked through the "Launch Yourself" National Careers Week booklet. They explored information about careers, universities and the steps involved in working towards them. Students reflected on their own soft skills and how they were developing the skills in their school subjects. They also thought about how they could excel in the future.



Understanding Yourself

21st Century* KEY Employability Skills.

*Dr Tony Wagner Research for Learning Policy Institute 2015

Think about yourself in all the areas of your life – not just school or college – what are you good at and where? How do you measure up to the Key Skills for this century?

	Score yourself 1-10	Where do I use this?	How could I improve it?	Helpful in learning?	Helpful in work?	How I'll improve my skill here.
Critical Thinking & Problem Solving	9	Solving problems and puzzles	Asking more questions	Yes	Yes	Doing more difficult problems
Collaboration & Leading by Influence	7	In a partnership or a team	Working together	Yes	Sometimes	Learning to others
Agility and Adaptability	8	In a sport	Keep playing	Sometimes	Not really	Keep working on it.
Initiative and Entrepreneurship	5	Setting up a lemonade stand	Advice it more	Not really	Only in business	Learn more about business
Good Oral & Written Communication	6	In a presentation or work	Keep doing it until you get better	Yes	Yes	Practise more
Accessing & Analysing Information	8	With information with questions	Keep practising it	Yes	Yes	Practise more
Curiosity and Imagination	7	In stories or art	Become more creative	Sometimes	Sometimes	Use creativity

Year 12 Progression

Year 12 have been working with a virtual platform called Unifrog to help prepare for their next steps. Caitlin Stewart, one of our students, said:

"It has helped me a lot when thinking about applying to universities, and showed UCAS Points and grades needed for the different universities. I was able to create a shortlist which is personalised and tailored to the courses I want to take.

My next step is planning my personal statement to support my application. The site allows me to track my activities and experiences to make the construction of the statement an easier process".



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Updates to our website

Check out the careers section on our website for lots of links to information which will help students to research different job roles.



Careers Programme

Alumni and Employers

Career Research Links

Careers Policy

Careers Presentations

Careers Programme Overview

Careers Statement

Labour Market Information

Preparing For Future Pathways

Employer Videos:

Over the last term we have been setting short assignments in Google Classroom of 3 minute employer videos for students to watch. Each video is a quick peek into the roles and responsibilities of different jobs. They will tell you about routes into different careers; the qualifications needed and some of the day to day experiences involved. There are some on our website to look at too. They are great resources for carrying out some careers research!

<http://www.stjosephs.uk.net/school-life/careers-programme/alumni/>

