



Guidance Sessions

In Year 11 all students will have a one to one guidance session with a Careers Advisor. Students in all other year groups are able to request a guidance session by speaking to Mrs McDermott (Careers Leader).

What is the session for?

The guidance session will support you to make effective and informed choices regarding your options after you leave CVEA.

What will it cover?

During your guidance session your Careers Adviser will help you to:

- identify your personal qualities and skills
- explore your interests and likes
- research ideas for study, training, employment
- explore career areas, future and current job opportunities

Your Careers Adviser will give you:

- accurate and up-to-date information
- alternative sources of information and help if required
- an action plan to help you move forward

How to prepare for your session?

Check the date and time of your session carefully so that you don't miss your appointment.

If you have any ideas about future pathways or careers that you are interested in, be ready to talk about these.

Don't worry if you are unsure as to what you want to do when you leave school. The whole purpose of the is to help you find out more about your options.

For more support, speak to Mrs McDermott.

Email careers@cvea.co.uk or visit

www.castleviewenterpriseacademy.co.uk/general-information/careers/



A Guide to Post 16 Options

From September 2015 the participation age was increased until a young person's 18th birthday.

This does not mean staying in school, you can choose to study or train in any of the following ways:

- Studying full time in school, college or with any training provider
- Working or volunteering, combined with a part-time education or training
- Apprenticeship, traineeship or study programme

KEY STAGE 4

KEY STAGE 5

**CVEA
GCSEs,
BTECs,
OCR
Nationals**

A Levels & Vocational Courses at Sixth Form

Sixth forms allow you to continue to learn in an academic way in a school environment.

A Levels & Vocational Courses at Further Education

Colleges offer a wide range of courses linked to industries and jobs as well as A Level courses. They often have more specialised equipment and facilities than school sixth forms. Colleges also offer apprenticeships and some have their own sixth form.

Traineeship or Study Programme

Offered by training providers. A traineeship is a course that includes a work placement. It can last from 6 weeks up to 6 months.

Apprenticeship

A real job with a recognised qualification. Apprenticeships are advertised and you need to apply as you would for any job.

Intermediate Apprenticeship

You will study towards qualifications such as an NVQ Level 2, and a knowledge-based qualification such as a BTEC.

Advanced Apprenticeship

At this level, employers will typically require GCSEs at grade 4 or above, usually including English and Maths.

Job or Volunteering

A minimum of 20 hours per week with recognised training.

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