**Careers provision at Swakeleys School for Girls and Sixth Form**

The Careers team at Swakeleys School for Girls provides information, advice and guidance to students so they can develop the skills needed for a working life. This supports the more general careers education students receive in subject lessons, Form Group tutorials, assemblies and general careers events.

Careers guidance and education is delivered in all Key Stages as an integral part of the PSHCE programme. In sixth form, the careers guidance is expertly supported by external advisors who provide bespoke guidance on the UCAS process to students and parents.

From Year 8 onwards, they are given progressive support to reflect on career choices, to prepare for work experience and to research career opportunities. For our Year 11 students we provide particularly intensive support as they make important decisions about which Post-16 pathway to follow: academic A Levels; vocational BTECs; or workplace Apprenticeships.

Swakeleys School for Girls and Sixth Form works in partnership with Education Development Trust (EDT) to employ an independent careers advisor (**Mr** **Richard Williams**) who delivers impartial careers advice and guidance to learners and parents / carers of pupils in the school. Every student from Years 7 to 13 will have access to a careers interview which is individually tailored to their particular needs. Personalised action plans and developed with the student during the meeting and their execution is monitored by the student’s Form Tutor and via a follow up careers meeting should this be required.

***Mr Williams is available for 1-1 appointments each Wednesday and Thursday***

***9.00am – 3.30pm, Room A171***

A careers advisor is present at our ***Year 8 Options Evening***, ***Year 11 Parents Evening*** and on ***GCSE / A-level Results Day*** to help and guide students in making informed choices about their future.

Swakeleys School for Girls and Sixth Form is keen to promote the STEM agenda and we are committed to promoting careers in science, technology, engineering and maths. Numerous events, integrated into the careers programme offers providers from different industries to share their knowledge and experience of their field of work.

Swakeleys School is committed to students experiencing the real world of work through **a two –week work experience programme** in **Year 10**. We work in partnership with an external agency to ensure that qualitative placements are sourced as part of this programme that will hopefully help to inform their future study pathway.

Throughout the year, we engage in events offered by companies and external agencies to maximise our students exposure to the world of work. A sample of these can be seen below.

**KS3 & KS4**

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| **Year** | **Autumn Term** | **Gatsby** | **Spring Term** | **Gatsby** | **Summer Term** | **Gatsby** |
| 7 | Careers / apprenticeship newsletters | 1 & 2 | Careers talks programme  STEM career evening | 1,2 & 3  1,2,3,4,5 | Trip to ‘Kidzania’  Tutor time / PSHCE lessons delivering activities to support options process. | 3,5 & 6  1,2,4 |
| 8 | Careers / apprenticeship newsletters  Houses of Parliament Trip | 1&2  3 & 6 | Options Assemblies launching pathways to students.  Options evening  Tutor time / PSHCE lessons delivering activities to support options process.  Lunch time drop in clinics with in house careers advisor.  Opportunity to make 1-1 appointments with careers advisor  ***Heathrow Coding Challenge*** – Careers in STEM / Heathrow and apprenticeships  Faraday STEM Challenge Day | 2 & 3  1,4,& 8  1,2 &4  8  8  2,4 &5  2,3,4,5 & 7 | Careers / apprenticeship newsletters | 1,2,& 3 |
| 9 | Careers / apprenticeship newsletters  Digitial workshop MyKINDA future and Tata Consultancy Services  HE awareness visit to Brunel University  Brilliant Club  Houses of Parliament Trip | 1&2  2,3,4,5  4 & 7  4 & 7  3 & 6 | Careers talks programme  Careers / apprenticeship newsletters | 1, 2 & 3  1 & 2 | Careers / apprenticeship newsletters | 1,2, & 3 |
| 10 | Lloyds Bank on line workshop  Life skills – assembly  Transferable skills of WEX  **WEX interviews** with external provider  Lllll | 2, 3, 4 & 5  1&2  3 & 5 | Careers / apprenticeship newsletters  Careers talks programme  **Skills For Life** session preparing for WEX  BT Skills Boot Camp Day  srewrwer | 1&2  1,2 & 3  5  3, 4, 5, 6 7 & 8 | **2 weeks WEX. Learning about the world of work.**  Debrief session about transferable skills    newsletters | 1,2,3,4,5, 6 & 8 |
| 11 | Careers / apprenticeship newsletters  Lloyds Bank online workshop  Post-16 evening  Apprenticeship assembly  1-1 careers guidance interviews  Ruth Dhall Writer / Author talk | 1 & 2  2,3,4 &  5  3 & 7  3 & 7  8  4 & 5 | Careers talks programme  Post-16 taster sessions  IAG session for all Year 11’s  Uxbridge College talk | 1,2 & 3  2 & 3  3 & 7 | Careers / apprenticeship newsletters |  |

**KS5**

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| 13 | Personal statement workshops/support from tutors/Head of 6th Form  Individual meetings for each student re university choices  Oxbridge/med/vet/dent interview workshops with a UCAS advisor | 3&8  3&8  3, 7&8 | Apprenticeship skills workshops  Information on student finance from external providers during PSHCE | 3&8  1 & 7 | PSHCE sessions on UCAS Clearing and Adjustment | 1 & 7 |

**Procedure**

An educational provider wishing to request access should contact Pat Laguillo, Assistant Headteacher, Telephone: *01895 251 962,* Email: [office@swakeleys.org.uk](mailto:office@swakeleys.org.uk)

**Success Criteria**

For students to leave Swakeleys School with confidence in their career strategy and future career path. This will also be reflected in higher numbers of pupils progressing to positive destinations such as apprenticeships, technical routes, sixth form schools / colleges, universities or employment.