

Open Academy Career Programme Overview

COVID 19 Update: Over the course of the last year the Open Academy Careers Programme has, where possible, adapted to new 'virtual' ways of delivering careers education, information, advice and guidance. This has involved live lessons, online presentations by external providers and employers, virtual work experience placements and one to one consultations. This has enabled students to continue receiving the most appropriate and current information to their circumstances. The Academy will return to delivering its full career programme in a safe and timely manner when government guidance allows.

Year 7

- PHSE focus on discussion of stereotyping and gender roles
- Access to careers destination platform Unifrog
- Access to introductory careers information section in the Academy Library
- Introduction to creating a profile on Icanbea.org.uk and how to do independent research

Year 8

- PHSE focus on 'What makes a successful life?'
- Access to careers destination platform Unifrog
- 'Learn to Earn' day with Young Enterprise and local employers
- 'Why go to University?' assembly with UEA Outreach
- University visits to experience events such as 'Salters Festival of Chemistry'.
- Employer led in-school talks

Year 9

- PHSE focus on making GCSE choices and the link to future career paths
- Access to careers information platform Unifrog
- PHSE focus on personal budgeting, money management and earning power
- Year 9 Options Evening for parents and students with careers advice
- 'Where can my GCSEs take me?' assembly with UEA Outreach
- 'Why go to University?' assembly with UEA Outreach
- Assembly presentation from local technical education providers.
- 'Undercover Writers' – careers and skills using words (UEA)
- 'Girls in IT' day at Barclays Bank, Canary Wharf, London
- 'Learn to Earn' day with Young Enterprise and local employers
- Introduction to Startprofile and other careers software

Year 10

- PHSE focus on preparation for work experience: building CV's, making applications and preparing for interview.
- Access to careers destination platform Unifrog
- Summer term work experience week: July 6-10 2020
- 'What to expect from work experience' presentation to parents and students
- Year group visit to the Norwich Skills and Careers Festival
- 'What are apprenticeships?' assembly with NEACO
- Q& A sessions with Academy alumni
- 'Employability Skills' assembly with Aviva (Enterprise Adviser)
- 'Why go to University?' assembly with UEA Outreach
- Curriculum based 'employer-led' activities during lessons or as part of off-timetable activity
- Future Forward programme (UEA Outreach)
- Cambridge University visit for subject specific days
- One to one 'Next Steps' sessions with NEACO adviser
- Interview with CEAIG Level 6 Careers adviser to discuss future options.

Year 11

- PHSE focus on 'planning my future' and 'how will I make my future a reality?'
- PHSE classroom time to research post-16 options and make applications using Help You Choose
- Access to careers destination platform Unifrog
- Study skills workshops with adviser from NEACO
- Peer mentoring of KS3 students
- 'Why go to University?' assembly with UEA Outreach
- 'Advice and a Slice' parents' drop in session on preparation for GCSEs and Post 16 choices
- 'How to deal with procrastination' assembly (NEACO)
- 'Stress less' sessions on dealing with the pressures of GCSEs (NEACO)
- 'Employability Skills' assembly with Aviva (Enterprise Adviser)
- 'Careers in Medicine and Healthcare Professions' talk led by Director of Admissions, School of Medicine, UEA
- Visits to local Higher Education providers UEA, Anglia Ruskin and Cambridge University
- Future Forward programme (UEA Outreach)
- Interview with CEAIG Level 6 adviser to discuss post 16 applications
- Results Day advice on post 16 options

Years 12 and 13

- Enrichment programme to support students in the development of a well-rounded CV and to target specific needs for student development. This

includes a 4 day residential visit with the National Citizens Service supported by work in the community and bespoke work experience

- Access to careers destination platform Unifrog
- Visit to 'Futures 18' Conference at UEA
- 'How to write a Personal Statement' assembly with UEA Outreach
- 'How does Student Finance work?' assembly with UEA Outreach
- 'Careers in Medicine and Healthcare Professions' talk led by Director of Admissions, School of Medicine, UEA
- Year 12 'Dragons' Den' Enterprise Event (Norwich Opportunity Area)
- In class session on 'How to create an Art Portfolio' with Norwich University of the Arts (NOA)
- Opportunity to access a wide range of university events such as 'Medical Aspirations', 'Mock Interviews' and 'Subject Taster Days'.
- Two fully supported UCAS application days with 'Advice and a Slice' (NEACO)
- Weekly drop in sessions with external advisers on higher education and apprenticeships
- Access to Careers Information space including a full range of hard copy university prospectuses and guidance material on applying for higher education
- Future Forward programme (UEA Outreach)
- Careers and higher education support on A level Results day including advice on 'Adjustment' and 'Clearing'.