

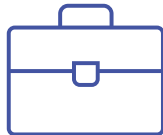
ST DAMIANS RC SCIENCE COLLEGE



CAREER COMPASS



Helping you head in the right direction.



In KS4, you should now be thinking about what post-16 pathways are available to you. Below you will find a graphic which shows what avenue you can go down from 16+ and from 18+

WELCOME!

Welcome to the St. Damian's termly Careers newsletter!

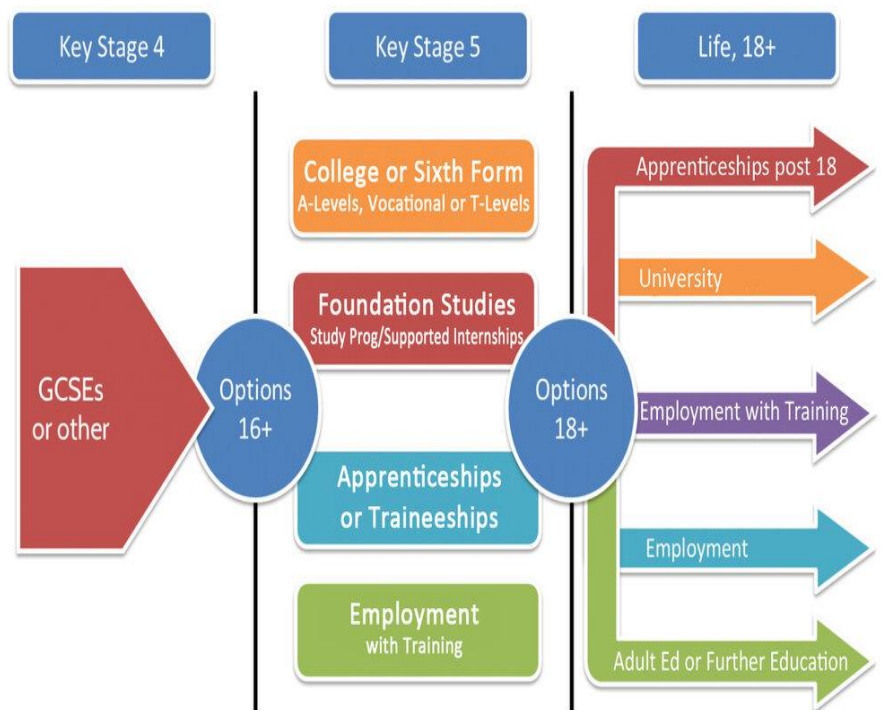
This newsletter may be used as a resource to discover new career paths, find out about careers events happening inside and out of school and every term, a teacher's journey into teaching and the other jobs they have done will be put under the spotlight.



All students have access to a careers page on their Microsoft Teams page.

Posts are regularly updated with work experience opportunities, career taster days and other relevant information that you may find useful.

It would be a beneficial to regularly check your year groups careers page to ensure you don't miss out on some great learning and career experiences to help you make an informed decision on what career you want to do.



XL ACADEMY

Throughout this school year, a selected number of year 10 students will be attending the XL academy at Ashton Sixth Form College. This is for high achieving students to experience a taste of the college experience and provides an opportunity for students to express themselves, share their thoughts and discuss their ambitions openly.



IMPORTANT DATES Open Days/Evenings

Clarendon 6th Form – Mon 18th Nov
Connell Co-op College – Sat 16th Nov
Oldham College – Wed 6th Nov
Tameside College – Mon 18th Nov
Laurus Ryecroft – Thurs 14th Nov
Hopwood Hall College – Wed 20th Nov
Access Creative College – Sat 16th Nov (Taster day)

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Careers under the spotlight



Mr N Spencer Science Teacher

If you didn't become a teacher, what career do you think you would have pursued?

I would likely pursue a career in disability sports coaching. My background in Applied Sport and Exercise Science, along with my experience as a youth worker supporting students with physical and mental disabilities, has given me a strong passion for this field. It's a rewarding way to make a positive impact on others through sport

What's the best career advice you have ever been given?

Don't be afraid to explore different paths. It's ok not to have everything figured out. Focus on what excites you, and let your curiosity lead the way. The skills and experiences you gain now will help you in ways you might not expect, so keep learning and challenging yourself

What was your first job?
Paper Boy and Pot Washer

Who or what influenced your career?

My parents significantly influenced my career by instilling the values of politeness and hard work, which have consistently opened doors for me. I've also been fortunate to have incredible mentors, both official and unofficial, who have guided me and helped me find great satisfaction in my teaching role today. A pivotal figure in my decision to become a science teacher was Mr Knox, my high school chemistry teacher. His firm but fair approach helped me recognise the beauty in science and the rewards of hard work, showing me the potential of where dedication can lead.

What was the worst job you had?

Rotisserie Cook - One of my most challenging jobs was working in a food hall cooking roast chicken's. It involved early starts, the smell of raw chicken, and working alone in a hot, metallic room with physically demanding tasks like carrying, preparing, and cleaning. Despite the difficulties, it showed my employers that I could work hard and independently, leading to a promotion to the sales floor, where I gained experience in men's fashion and finance.

What other questions would you ask Mr Spencer regarding work and careers?

Career Advice Websites

Apprenticeship Advice – www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

Graduate Research – www.prospects.ac.uk

University Research – www.ucas.ac.uk

Alternatives to University – www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

