

- To give pupils the opportunity to apply their newly acquired employability skills to a specific project in a classroom environment.
- To give pupils an understanding of today's work environment through contact with various employers, including apprenticeships and technical pathways.
- To educate pupils through the curriculum on careers and the wider world.

Year 8 Career events

Year 8 pupils have a careers event which includes information on technical pathways and apprenticeships to meet the Provider Access Legislation (PAL) guidelines.

Linking curriculum to careers

During year 8, pupils will learn about the following topics relating to careers through the PSHE curriculum:

- To take part in the Enterprise challenge, which involves pupils working in small groups to think of product ideas and promote a product. This involves pupils being innovative, creative and imaginative, dealing with problems, making decisions and working as part of a team.
- To learn about today's working environment, including breaking stereotypes, with a focus on women in STEM.
- To learn how to challenge discrimination and prejudice in the workplace.
- To learn about rights and responsibilities, British values and The Equality Act.
- To learn about different qualifications and the advantages of these.
- To understand the term Value for Money and be able to make informed choices on different products.

Pupils in year 8 will develop their understanding to enable them to answer the following questions:

- What are the protected characteristics of the Equality Act?
- How does the Equality Act promote British values?
- What can I do to challenge discrimination in the workplace?
- How can I tell if a product is good value for money?
- How can I develop my skills to promote career progression?

The careers department work closely with all departments to link careers to curriculum. For example, posters are displayed within departments showing possible careers linked to each subject.

Career Guidance resources

All Year 8 pupils have access to the Careers Advisor and can arrange meetings upon request. The Careers office is based in the corner of the library and drop-in appointments are also welcome during break and lunchtimes.

The careers library stocks a wide range of books covering a variety of careers and alternative pathways. There are also a wide range of prospectuses for Higher and Further Education.

The Careers department works closely with the Cabin for those pupils with Autism, KS3 support for pupils with emotional and behavioural needs and The Centre for those with SEND.

For further information and to get involved in future career events, please complete the following online form: [Building a Parent, Student & Alumni Network \(typeform.com\)](#)

If any employers would like to discuss opportunities for attending career events or providing work experience opportunities, please get in touch with Mrs Fay Lawson at flawson@combertonvc.org