

- To provide each pupil with information about option choices and the implication of those choices on their future.
- To provide pupils with 1:1 guidance meetings to help them decide on option choices.
- To educate pupils through the curriculum on careers and the wider world.

Year 9 Options Evening and 1:1 meetings

Year 9 pupils are invited to attend a Year 9 options evening in February to learn more about the GCSE options available to them at Comberton Village College. Following this, all year 9 pupils will attend a 1:1 guidance meeting with a member of the senior leadership team to discuss their options for GCSE's.

Year 9 Careers events

Year 9 pupils have a careers event which includes information on technical pathways and apprenticeships to meet the Provider Access Legislation (PAL) guidelines. This is delivered before the end of February for year 9 pupils as they are a key decision-making year group.

Linking curriculum to careers

During Year 9, pupils will learn about the following topics relating to careers through the PSHE curriculum:

- To develop the range of transferable skills required by employers.
- To learn about different types of employment and the varied nature of career pathways.
- To learn how their strengths, attributes and interests might link to future choices in their career pathway.
- To learn how to evaluate their changing aspirations and whether they are on track to achieve them.
- To learn about the range of options available to them in the next stages of their education.
- To learn strategies to manage the decision-making process for GCSE option choices and to know suitable sources of further information, advice and guidance.
- To learn how to manage uncertainty in their future career and in the workforce in general.
- To reflect objectively as part of the personal review process.

Pupils in year 9 will develop their understanding to enable them to answer the following questions:

- What is the process for making GCSE option choices?
- What should someone consider when making decisions about their GCSE choices?
- Where should someone seek more advice about their GCSE options?
- What career choices might link to your own interests and skills?
- What skills, attributes and abilities might a person need to develop in order to succeed in a particular job role?
- What could you do now to help you prepare for your career in the future? (e.g., extracurricular activities, in school responsibilities, hobbies and clubs).
- What factors should someone consider when choosing a career?
- How could you find out more about careers you are interested in?
- What transferable skills, abilities, strengths and interests do you currently have?

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 9 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 \(typeform.com\)](https://www.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