



@ Oasis Academy Brislington

Welcome to the third edition of the of our **ASPIRE** Careers Newsletter. At Oasis Academy Brislington we are aiming at providing our students with high quality careers education which enables them to build the motivation, confidence and resilience to stand as first amongst equals and to achieve their potential, develop their talent and fulfil their ambition. In this edition we are exploring what you as parents can do to support your child.

Why?

1. **Students:** because we want students to choose the best possible path, which reflects their talents and interests.
2. **All stakeholders:** because we want students to fully understand the world of opportunities that is open to them in the future.
3. **All stakeholders:** because we believe in the importance of developing employability skills so that students are careers ready and engage in a sustainable career in the future.
4. **All stakeholders:** because students need to know their vocational identity and, therefore, need to have access to outstanding careers information and advice.

How?

Through a stable careers programme students will develop an understanding of their own strengths and weaknesses, skills, talents and abilities as well as developing knowledge about different career pathways, job sectors and employability skills which will enable them to make informed and ambitious decisions about their future.

For that reason, we will publish the termly **ASPIRE** Careers Newsletter which will provide our students and parents/careers with careers related information. In this edition we will provide information regarding:

1. staying in education and training beyond Year 11.
2. getting support with making the right Post-16 decisions.
3. Post-16 qualifications.
4. what parents and carers can do to support the next steps.
5. Autumn Term Open Events





A Parent Guide to Careers Guidance

The decisions young people make from an early stage at school can have a big impact on their future career choices and happiness. As parents you have a vital role to play in this career journey.

This newsletter provides you with an overview of how you, as parents, can support your son or daughter with these important choices.

Firstly, lets have a look at the academy's duty for career guidance.

Schools are expected to provide impartial and independent careers guidance which includes a range of careers-related activities which encourage engagement with local employers/work-based education and apprenticeship providers, to help students gain valuable work experience and insight to the world of work. Your child's school may provide careers guidance through an appointed careers co-ordinator, teacher or adviser. Pupils should also have access to an independent and external source of guidance to help them with their options. The careers guidance provided should be the most suitable support for the pupil and their circumstances. (Cascaid)

Every year, we provide our students with a variety of opportunities which are aimed at giving students an insight into different job sectors and how these are changing. We also talk to students about employability skills and labour market information and how knowing this information can influence their future career choices. In termly themed careers assemblies we talk to all students about why it is important to know what employers are looking for. We invite employers who lead employability sessions, run enterprise and CV writing workshops as well as providing careers related programmes for various groups of students.

All our students have access to  Grofar a careers programme which enables them to track and evaluate all their careers related activities as well as creating an online careers profile which will allow them to download an instant CV . The careers passport will remind our students of all the careers activities they have taken part in during the five years they are students at Oasis Academy Brislington.

Here is the link to Grofar (press Ctrl and hover over the link to take you directly to the web-site):

[Grofar - Careers Service, Work Placement, and Work Experience Software](#)

More information regarding the careers guidance at Oasis Academy Brislington can be found at:

<https://www.oasisacademybrislington.org/curriculum/careers-guidance> or email Dr I Goldberg (Vice Principal "Best Curriculum" and Careers Lead)





Secondly, what can you do to support your child's decision regarding Post-16 options and future career choices?

Today, young people have more options available to them than ever before. With an ever-changing workplace landscape, it is even more important that they make informed choices for their education, training and employment. All of these choices may seem a long way away, however, decisions they are making about their education and training may affect their options later. As they make choices and plans for the future, young people need support from the people who know them best; their families.

Research undertaken by GTI Media in 2014 showed parents exerting increasing influence on a child's education and career decisions. Only 5% of the young people surveyed said they ignored their parents' wishes when choosing a career. The research also stated that parents exert most influence on their children's choice of university and degree, least influence on their choice of employer.

- Parental influence on children's academic and employment choices, December 2014, GTI Media Research

There are many ways that you can offer support with choices. Here are a few ideas:

A: Outside of school hours, encourage your son or daughter to find out about what courses, jobs and training opportunities are available locally. Your local authority may provide information on local options on their website. Encourage your son/daughter to explore all of the learning options available to them at 14 and 16. Post-16 education or training is now compulsory.

S: Ask the school if they have access to any programs that you and your child can use at home so you have the opportunity

P: Make the most of open day opportunities. Your son or daughter may be considering post-16 study at a different institution to their current school/college and it is important to  ex-

I: There are alternatives to 'traditional' higher education options which your child may wish to investigate. School Leaver Schemes are offered by a growing number of large employers who employ young people at the age of 18/19 and also fund them to study for a recognised qualification, often a

R: Talk to your son or daughter about careers they are interested in. Find out what they know already and encourage them to visit the careers library or web-sites to find out more. Ask them to bring resources home after they have been to careers related events such as

E: Providing support and encouragement is immensely important and the more you know about what information, advice and guidance is available and where it can be accessed the better. Don't be afraid to contact your school.





Training Provider Information

For more information on courses and providers, go to the Bristol Post-16 Directory which you can find on the OAB website.



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