

Careers Guidance at TSI

Students at TSI receive up-to-date careers guidance and are able to make informed choices as a result of the following:

- At the very beginning of the year during induction week, the Head of TSI and tutors are on hand to help the Year 11 students make their GCSE subject choices.
- In the 2nd week of the Autumn term, the Head addresses Year 11 students on the topic of 'on placement'. Students are encouraged to begin to think about the next step in their education or potential careers following their time at TSI. This dovetails with lessons during the PSHE curriculum where GCSE students complete an online form designed to help them think about the subjects they wish to pursue next year, their strengths and weaknesses and plans they may have for university and future careers. Following completion of the on placement form the Principal and Head of TSI set about to meet with students and provide advice and guidance based on the information on the forms.
- In the 4th week of the Autumn term, the Year 11 students are invited to a sixth form evening where they listen to presentations about the four different academic pathways at Taunton School.
- Students have access to the school careers department. There is an assembly on the topic of careers delivered by the head of Careers in the Autumn term. In the assembly, students are invited to make appointments with her if they wish to receive guidance / explore further education and career options.
- As part of the tutorial programme, tutors talk to their tutees individually and as a group about their futures and support them with careers advice.
- During the year there are numerous opportunities to attend careers talks. There is one large careers / university fair held at TS aimed at Year 11 students and several other more specific careers talks that Year 11 and 12 students are able to attend.
- Year 12 PFY students have access to the Horizons PSHE programme every week held in the senior school. This includes talks and workshops about preparing them for university choices and the application process. They also have access to the school's careers department.
- Year 13 IFY students have a 'counsellor' who sees them every week and helps them with their university application. They also have access to the careers talks put on in the senior school every week and the school's careers department. They are taken to open days at the three local universities: Exeter, Bristol and Cardiff.

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- In the 2nd week of the Autumn term, the Principal addresses students on the topic of 'on placement'. Students are encouraged to begin to think about the next step in their education or potential careers following their time at TSIMS.
- During PSHE lessons in the summer term students spend time considering their strengths and interests and start to explore careers that they might be interested in. This then compliments GCSE option choices for students moving onto GCSE courses the following academic year.
- In the summer term the head of Careers visits TSIMS to present an assembly that builds on the work that they have done in PSHE lessons.
- Throughout the year tutors are on hand to provide guidance on GCSE options and careers. Tutors will ensure that all students are aware of the careers department and that students can request an appointment for professional advice. There are posters on display throughout the school to remind students how to access this service.