

Academic Update - 8th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This weeks update surrounds two major events that are intertwined together. Year 8 options and careers.

National Careers Week and National Apprenticeships week

This week is National Careers week across the country and certainly at Chelsea Academy. Mrs McNally has been orchestrating a wonderful week of opportunities, lectures, stands and visits for students of all ages to learn about careers beyond Chelsea Academy.

Below are some of the careers opportunities that makes us an Investors in Careers accredited school!

KS3 Careers

Chelsea Academy Careers Information, Advice and Guidance



Have a 1-2-1 interview with a member of the leadership team or your Head of House to help you decide on your option choices.

Experience taster sessions of subjects you have not studied before to help you choose your options.



Have opportunities to involve your parents / carers in your careers research and planning for KS4 and beyond.

Options parents evening

Inspiration stalls at lunch time

**By the end of Key Stage 3
Chelsea Academy
students will....**

Careers advice drop-in sessions

Enterprise at the world fair

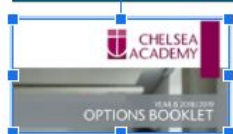
Personal development lessons: getting to know myself

The 'Real Game'

Year 8 options conference

Develop team building, problem solving and decision making skills

Have access to independent guidance that includes information on the full range of education and training options



See people from various backgrounds talk about their experiences of being in a range of non-typical careers.

Inspire you to think about different careers and the lifestyle they would allow you to lead

Use the website 'start' to explore the world of work.

8-17 March
British
Science
Week
2019



KS4 Careers



*Into University and
Into Work sessions*

Have a CV that has
been redrafted after
input from a visiting
professional

Experience work for at
least one week and
reflect on that
experience to help
inform your career
plans



*Post work experience business
breakfast*

Have opportunities to
involve your parents /
carers in your careers
research and planning
for KS5 and beyond.

Yr. 11 expectations evening

Future Pathways Day

**By the end of Key Stage 4
Chelsea Academy
students will....**

Have at least one,
forty minute guidance
session with an
external careers
adviser, produce an
action plan and review
that action plan.

Take part in enterprise
activities and be able
to use enterprising
thinking to plan your
route to success

*Coaching Group sessions on
options, CVs and
applications, work experience
and health and safety*

*Guidance interview with Richard
Williams, Independent Careers Adviser.*

Be aware of your
responsibilities and
rights as a student,
trainee or employee
for following safe
working practices

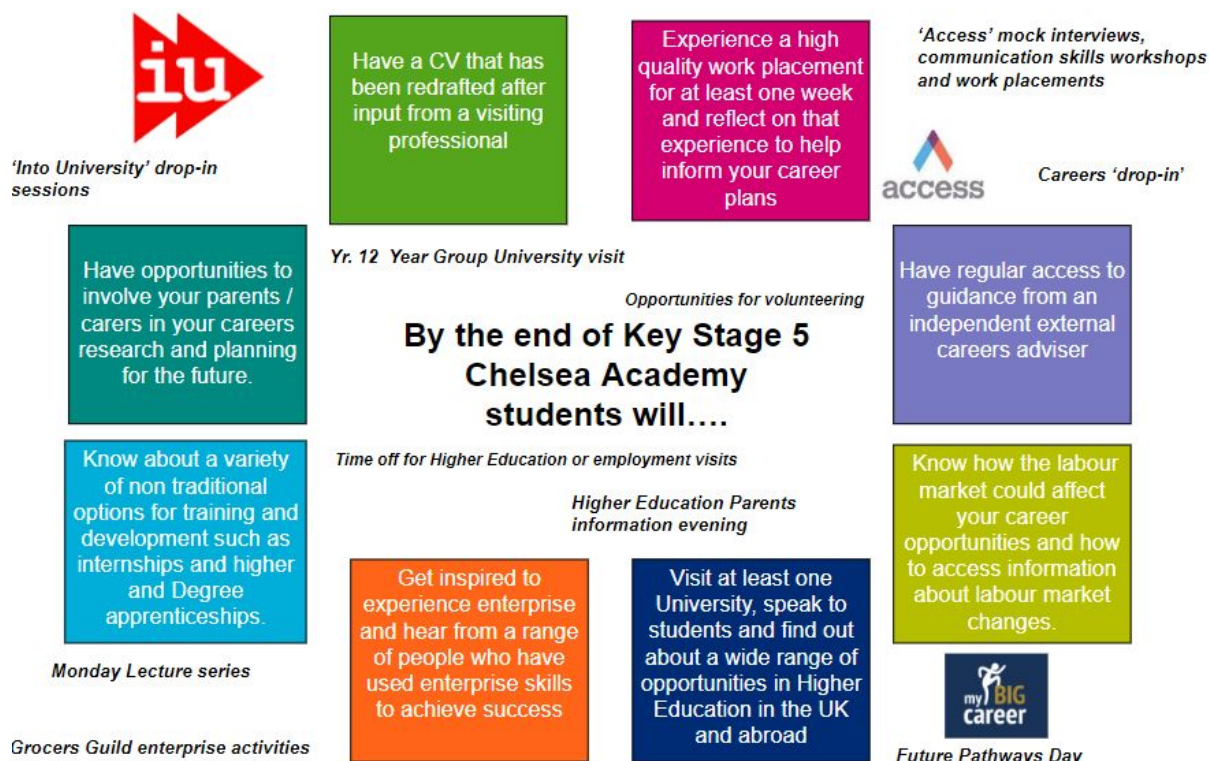
Recognise and
challenge
stereotyping,
discrimination and
barriers to equality,
diversity and inclusion;
know your rights and
responsibilities in
relation to these issues

Know how the labour
market could affect
your career
opportunities and how
to access information
about labour market
changes.



KS5 Careers

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Year 8 Options

This week the options process started for Year 8 students. The option blocks have been released and the table is below. Some important things to consider when choosing options are that:

- A GCSE choice is a three year commitment.
- Students are not able to change subject once they have selected their options.
- It is crucial they pick something they enjoy and are capable of studying.
- Some A level choices require specific GCSE's to have been studied beforehand.
- Students should be thinking about the long term implications of their options.

Option A	Option B	Option C
Ebacc Subjects (Choose at least 1)		
Geography	Geography	Geography
History	History	History
Spanish	French	Spanish
Computer Science	Computer Science	French
Other Subjects (Choose 2 Max)		
Art	Art	Citizenship
Food and Nutrition	Business Studies	Creative iMedia (T)
Creative iMedia (T)	Drama	Economics
Media Studies	D&T	Performing Arts (T)
Music	Health & Fitness (T)	GCSE Physical Education

Some rules when choosing options subjects:

- EBacc subjects***
 All students must choose one of the subjects referred to as the 'English Baccalaureate' or 'EBacc' subjects. They are highlighted above as Computer Science, French, Geography, History and Spanish. If students are more able, we suggest they should choose at least two EBacc subjects (one language and one humanities subject).
- Music GCSE***
 Music Scholars are required to select GCSE Music as a compulsory option.
- The following subject combinations are NOT permitted***
 GCSE Media Studies and Creative iMedia, Business Studies & Economics, Health & Fitness and GCSE PE.
- Computer Science and Economics***
 Students wishing to study GCSE Computer Science or Economics should have demonstrated a particular aptitude for Maths, evidenced by their success against the 3Cert criteria and their most recent assessment results.

Four of the most common mistakes that students can make when choosing their options are:

- Choosing subjects because they like the teacher who has taught them at Key Stage 3.
- Choosing subjects that they think will be easy.
- Choosing subjects that do not really interest them, only because their parents / carers tell them to.
- Choosing subjects because their friends have chosen them.

Good luck supporting your child in their GCSE Options process and if you need any support or advice, please get in touch!

Summer Exams

The exams timetables for Summer 2019 are now available. Please follow the appropriate link.

[GCSE Exam timetable – Summer 2019](#)

[AS Level Exam timetable – Summer 2019](#)

[A Level Exam timetable – Summer 2019](#)

I hope this academic update is informative and useful and as always, if you need any support or advice about academic studies at Chelsea Academy, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ainsworth', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr Ainsworth
Acting Vice Principal - Curriculum