

Information for Students

You will find the Careers team at St Alban's in the Examinations/Careers office, which is on the Ground Floor in the Main school building. Here you can browse prospectuses, careers books, look at leaflets, use the computers to research course and career options and speak to a member of the Careers team about your next steps and future plans.

Individual careers interviews will take place during Year 11 and 13. The careers team will be able to talk to you about jobs and careers and explore all the opportunities that you have available to you on leaving school, including sixth form, college, university, apprenticeships, employment and volunteering. Throughout your time at St Alban's you will take part in a number of careers and enterprise activities. Highlights for our pupils include our Year 8 Pathways evening, work experience for yr12, attending the Suffolk Skills & Careers Festival for yr9 and yr12 students, and our Enterprise Days as part of our Planning for Your Future Programme, college and sixth form open events in Year 11 and university and employer talks, university open days. Alongside these activities, you will have the opportunity to explore careers and prepare for your next steps through the Planning for Your Future lessons that are part of the timetable for all pupils from Years 7-13.

We are always pleased to hear how you think any of the careers and enterprise activities that you have taken part in have gone and whether you think they have been useful to you. By hearing what you have found most beneficial and what you think didn't work so well, we can make sure that future activities we carry out are even better. Please let the careers team or your Form Tutor have any feedback.

We are here to help you prepare for your future after St Alban's, so please come and find us in the Examinations/Careers Office and talk to us.

Useful Careers Websites

There are a number of website resources available to you. Which are intended to enable you to research your career and course options independently. If you need any help with this please email us (careers@st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk) or pop in and see us.

Careers Information

www.careerpilot.org.uk – Careers information and tools for 11-19 year olds, all in one place

www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk - The National Careers Service is the Government's hub for careers advice for people of all ages where you can find help with drafting letters, CVs, exploring your skills or seeking careers advice.

www.careersbox.co.uk - video based job profile information and skills explorer tool.

www.icanbea.org.uk - Lets you explore potential career opportunities across Norfolk & Suffolk, showing you how the organisations and job roles fit into the wider career paths of our region's industries.

www.icould.com – aims to help you to make the most of your potential by showing how others have used theirs, take the 'Buzz' personality profile quiz.

www.kudos.cascaid.co.uk - Gives you all the information you need to make important decisions about future careers and what subjects, courses and training you can do to reach your career destination. See the Examinations/Careers Office for the access key to register.

www.mycareerspringboard.org - Springboard is for pupils. It is divided into two main sections: the Career Test and the Career Exploration Tool. In tandem, these two interactive tools allow pupils to find some career inspiration and gain an insight into their different career options.

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk - opportunities that exist outside of university.

www.push.co.uk - Push helps pupils make informed decisions about their future after school or college, whether that means employment or higher education.

www.startprofile.com - investigate careers, watch videos and get great advice, find out about employers and work experience opportunities in your area.

www.thesource.me.uk - The Source provides information and advice for young people in Suffolk, in areas such as learning, work, health, relationships, housing, money, leisure and transport.

www.successtschool.org - gives clear and comprehensive information about a range of Career Zones (sectors), in an easy to access format. Pupils can create a profile to help to collate useful information. '60 second interviews' giving profile of professionals, provide a useful insight into specific careers.

Apprenticeships

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk – the National Apprenticeship Service website provides general advice and information about apprenticeships. It also advertises current vacancies.

www.aimapprenticeships.co.uk – platform focused on making it easy for applicants to find and apply to apprenticeships local to them

www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk – displays current apprenticeship and school leaver programme opportunities, to the latest school leaver job news, and gives career journey advice.

amazingapprenticeships.com – Amazing Apprenticeships has a big mission. Through the Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge for schools and colleges (ASK) programme they have worked with their partners to support thousands of individuals.

Local Colleges

www.suffolk.ac.uk – Suffolk New College is a mixed, further education college located in central Ipswich. The college offers secondary and further education courses such as vocational programmes, GCSEs and apprenticeships as well as higher education and leisure learning courses.

www.eastonotley.ac.uk – Easton & Otley College is a self-contained campus located 9 miles outside Ipswich; Otley caters for a wide range of vocational courses and Apprenticeships

www.wsc.ac.uk – West Suffolk College is the third best college in the country and is one of the country's leading Apprenticeship providers.

www.colchester.ac.uk – Colchester Institute are a provider of high quality vocational education throughout north Essex. They provide a large number of different courses ranging from full, part-time, apprenticeships and degrees, which can enable you to enter employment straight away or progress onto university.

www.wstraining.co.uk – WS Training offer a wide range of apprenticeships to help people get into work or further their skills.

Higher Education

www.ucas.com – information about university courses on offer, also the Stamford test to help with ideas about subjects to study.

www.prospects.ac.uk – find out which areas you could access after a particular degree.

www.russellgroup.ac.uk – represents 24 leading universities, source of careers information & advice including 'informed choices' a downloadable guide to making post 16 choices.

www.whatuni.com – gives you information to help find the right course at the right university for you.

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