

Careers

Information for Parents



Throughout their time at Ousedale School a student will be provided with; and have access to careers information, guidance and support. This is provided by the careers team, teachers and through the many opportunities such as careers fairs and trips to meet employers that we organise throughout the year.

As a parent or a carer you will be a key person in helping your child to decide about their career choice. During their time at school your child will be making some important decisions on what subjects they would like to study, what they would like to do after their GCSEs and what career they would like to have. You will play an important role in these decisions. Therefore, we have put together a range of tools that will help you support your child and will help them to explore the different career options available to them.



Remember the careers team are also available to answer any careers questions that you may have as a parent, please feel free to email us at careers@ousdeale.org.uk.

Please be assured that we do not take students out of Maths, English or Science to attend a careers session.

Below are some useful websites you are able to access at home. Please click on the icons to view the websites.

	The Career pilot website provides a wide variety of information on GCSEs, post 16 and 18 educational options, apprenticeships and information on job roles for students. They also have a Parent Zone which provides Information to help parents and carers support young people in making the right decision about study and work.
	This website provides information, advice and guidance to help students to make decisions on learning, training and work. They can also be contacted for impartial careers advice on 0800 100 900 or their live webchat.
 	UCAS is traditionally thought as just a website to find university courses. However, it has a wide range of resources available such as information on further education, apprenticeships and a careers page to look at different jobs. UCAS are currently offering virtual tours for universities.

	<p>This is a resource that the careers team and teachers use with students. Students can sign up for a free account using their school email address. This will mean you can add useful resources for them and that they have access to Unifrog's careers information library of resources. This includes information on subjects, apprenticeships, careers and help with things such as CVs and applications.</p>
	<p>This is an online magazine for parents. It has articles that help parents/carers to support their children in choosing their next steps after education and to give them a sound understanding of all the post 16 options available.</p>
	<p>This website provides information and advice from across a variety of organisations so that you can help steer your school leaver towards a path that most suits them. They have created a comprehensive Parent's Guide to Apprenticeships and University called Options. Find out more about this useful resource here.</p> <p>The Careers Team also have hard copies of this magazine should you want a copy please let us know via careers@ousedale.org.uk</p>
	<p>Ousedale School are in partnership with InvestIN. This is a London-based organisation led by a group of experienced professionals from some of the world's most competitive careers. They provide students with an immersive experience of their dream career before starting university, so they can get a head-start over their competition. For a 10% discount when booking experiences please use code OUSEDALE20</p>

The careers team have also created an [Introduction to Careers](#) booklet and a [Post 16 Options](#) booklet that you can use with your child to support them with their educational and careers choices. You can download these here or collect a printed copy from the careers office.

Apprenticeship Information and Support

Ousedale actively promotes all post 16 and post 18 options; this includes sixth form, college, traineeships, apprenticeships and university. The timetable below details apprenticeship activities throughout the academic year.

Apprenticeship Events	Date	Info/Location	Year group
ASK Apprenticeship Assembly	September-November	An assembly providing information on apprenticeships and raising the awareness of apprenticeships as an option post 16.	Yr11 students
ASK Apprenticeship Application and Supporting Statement support	December	Workshop looking at apprenticeship applications and supporting statements.	Yr11 and Yr13 students
ASK Apprenticeship Mock Assessment centre workshop	February	An interactive workshop preparing students for the selection process.	Yr12 students as part of ACE Day
Degree Apprenticeship information	January	Information session focused on degree level apprenticeships.	Yr13 students as part of the Yr13 alternative careers programme
Apprenticeship talks from Employers	Throughout the Academic year	In 2019/2020 these have included BT Cyber Security, MK Council Health and Social Care team, Barclays bank, MK College, FCO services, Western Power.	Open to all interested students across the school unless dictated by employer.
National Apprenticeship Show	March	Attendance at the national apprenticeship show, speaking to employers about opportunities.	Yr10 and Yr11 students interested in apprenticeships as a post 16 option.
Parent information packs – Apprenticeships	January	Parent information packs sent home via parent mail and can be found on the school website.	Yr11 and Yr13 - accessible to all via school website
Facebook updates on local and national opportunities	Throughout the academic year	Both local and national apprenticeship opportunities posted on the school FB page.	All year groups.

Finally, if you have any careers information that you think will be useful for other parents please email careers@ousedale.org.uk