



Careers Programme

2026-2027

Subject Leader: Mrs P Gough

At Holywell, the main part of our Careers programme is embedded into our PSHE curriculum. Each year group has 1-2 Careers-focussed units of work per year. The content and timing of the units are as follows:

YR 6		
Autumn	Relationships and Careers	Title of Unit: New Beginnings and Goal Setting Length of Unit: 6 weeks Main Focus: establishing community time and restorative practices; class charter; creating a community; gifts and talents; self-esteem; S.M.A.R.T target setting;
YR 7		
Spring	Economic Wellbeing	Title of Unit: Economic well-being and careers Length of Unit: 6 weeks Main Focus: Economic well being; role of banks, understanding the economy and budgeting. Extended PSHE Day- 1 full day - Celebrating diversity and values e.g. Values in sports and the arts.



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YR 8		
Spring	Careers	Title of Unit: Employability Length of Unit: 6 weeks Main Focus: Concept of career; understanding the qualities, skills and attitudes needed for employability; developing and maintaining self-esteem and envisaging a positive future for themselves; Goal setting. Extended PSHE Day - 1 full day inc. Careers education, post 16 routes, introduction to different industries and jobs, employer encounters.
Spring 2 nd half term	Economic wellbeing and citizenship	Title of Unit: Critical Consumers Length of Unit: 6 weeks Main Focus: Demonstrate capability as critical consumers of goods and services; Rights and responsibilities; Ethical employers; Fairtrade
Summer 2 nd half	Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing	Title of Unit: Footprints Length of Unit: 4 weeks Main Focus: Managing change, coping with feelings.

YR 9		
Autumn 2 nd half	Careers	Title of Unit: Careers and future choices. Length of unit: 6 weeks Main focus: This unit supports students to prepare for making GCSE option choices by thinking about their career goals and futures.

In addition to these units of work, there are opportunities for students to engage with the world of work and employers through:

- Visits from employers
- STEM projects with Cranfield University in DT and Science
- Whole school participation at the Charity Fair.
- Themed day trips linked to careers.
- Year 8 Take Your Child To Work Day