



Dear parent/carer,

Hi, welcome to the first edition of the Careers Wales newsletter. I'm a Careers Adviser and as your child begins a new school year, I am here to support you and your child when it comes to making important subject and career decisions.

Over the coming years, you will play a key role in helping shape your child's future.

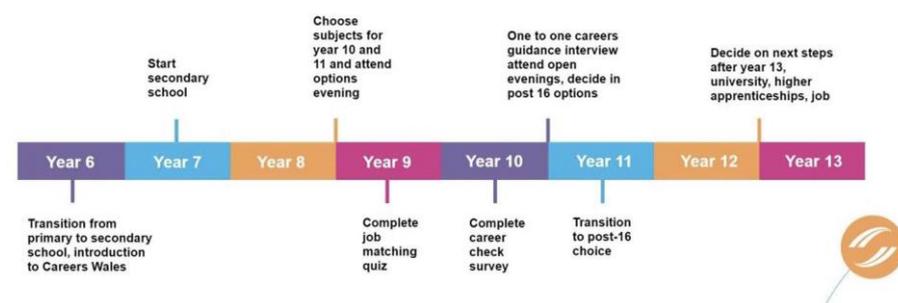
That's why I want to make sure you have the most up to date information and know that I am just a phone call or click away to answer any questions you may have.

It's never too early or too late help your child navigate their career path.

Career journey

Your child will make important decisions throughout their school years. Whatever stage they are at, start to have conversations with them about the future.

Key transition points

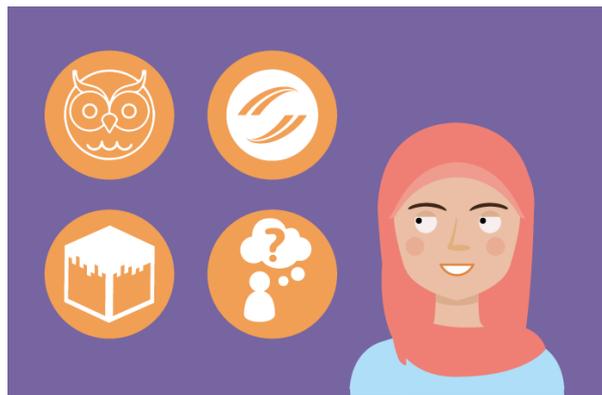


Tips to support your child

- What are your child's ambitions?
- Keep an open mind, listen and encourage them to make their own decisions;
- Encourage them to develop their skills through education, hobbies, interests, work experience and part-time jobs;
- Take the [Buzz Quiz](#) with your child to explore their strengths, what makes them tick and what jobs they might be suited to;
- Complete the [Job Matching Quiz](#) and [CareersCraft](#) to explore job ideas;
- Use careerswales.gov.wales to find out about the current and future job market, what skills employers look for and employment trends;
- Keep in touch with your child's school as they will provide further information about options as your child moves through school.

Remember, I'm here to help as well!

[Careers Wales support for parents - YouTube](#)



Jobs of the future

Careers advisers have access to the latest labour market information (LMI) which includes information about job trends, growth sectors and skills shortages.

It's important for you to know:

- What current job opportunities are out there for your child;
- The jobs that will be in demand in the future;
- What qualifications and skills your child will need;
- What's the best way into a career? There's often more than one way in;
- How your child can prepare themselves for an ever-changing job market.

Click [here](#) to discover more about the latest job trends and information.



Focus on employers

We work with your child's school to deliver employer engagement. This means that we have dedicated advisers that link schools and pupils with employers from different sectors and industries with the aim of motivating, inspiring and raising your child's awareness of a range of different careers.

Employers come into schools to give presentations, deliver workshops and take part in Q&A sessions or mock interviews.

We always get great feedback from pupils after these events. They enjoy hearing from employers, learning something new and feel more motivated and confident because of these experiences.

Here's [Kayleigh](#), a business engagement adviser at Careers Wales, to explain a bit more about why meeting different employers is important for young people.

When we invite employers to take part, we always try to keep in mind the growth sectors and sectors with skills shortages, to ensure that your child has the most up to date information to help them with their career planning and decision making.

Here are some useful websites if you'd like to find out more about the growth sectors where you live.

[North Wales](#)

[South West Wales](#)

[Cardiff Capitol Region \(South East Wales\)](#)



Curriculum update

Rolled out from 2022, the new curriculum for Wales is the biggest change to the education sector in years! As work, technology and society is changing, the new curriculum will prepare your child to thrive in the future world of work.

All schools have a careers education programme. Careers education in the new curriculum will be called 'careers and work-related experiences' (CWRE).

Careers Wales has an important role to play in supporting schools and educational settings to deliver effective CWRE. We have already produced learning resources such as [CareersCraft](#) and Careers City.

CWRE is important for your child as they start out on their journey through life, learning and work. They have choices to make about the educational pathway that they will take, the jobs that they will do, the kind of life that they will live and what they will do for others.

For more information on all the changes visit [Education is changing | GOV.WALES](#)

I am looking forward to supporting you and your child over the next year. With your help we can give them the best possible start on their career journey.

Careers Adviser

How did we do?

If you have any feedback on this publication, please let us know [here](#).



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