

What to do... Careers education, information, advice and guidance

Learning opportunities available for students

At Dixons Cottingley Academy, our mission is to provide an exceptional education for all of our students so that they leave the academy with excellent results and all the tools needed to live happy, successful and purposeful lives. Our values of determination, integrity and trust support this mission and our language, routines and structures constantly reinforce the high expectations we ask from all of our students. We firmly believe we should strive to ensure all students are intrinsically motivated to achieve their full potential and to see the doors education can open. All of our artefacts in school support this mission. In addition, our comprehensive careers plan below makes opportunities explicit.

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	Cycle 1	Cycle 2	Cycle 3
Y7	Induction Write and record sentences Transition event – CI Adventure day (31/08/22) Parents Evening (13/10/22) Launch Unifrog PSHE – Developing skills and aspirations Launch of co-curricular Stretch curriculum	Planetarium Visit (21/02/23) PSHE – Financial decision making	Parents Evening (27/04/23) Careers Interviews – Aspire I-Gen
Y8	Positive choices workshop (15/11/22) Launch Unifrog PSHE – Community and careers Launch of co-curricular Stretch curriculum	Parents Evening (23/02/23) Outward Bound Residential (w/c 27/02/23) Year 8 options evening Careers Interviews – Aspire I-Gen	PSHE – Digital literacy
Y9	Positive choices workshop (18/10/22) Prison me no way (22/11/22) Duke of Edinburgh launch Launch Unifrog	Parents Evening (16/03/22) Imperial War Museum trip (04/01/23)	Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition PSHE – Employability skills
Y10	Launch Unifrog TAP PSHE – Financial decision making History/ Geography field work (05/10/22 + 06/10/22) Enterprise Harewood House visit (14/10/22)	Parents Evening (02/02/23) PSHE – Work experience Poetry Live (10/03/23)	Careers Advisor interviews
Y11	Launch Unifrog TAP	Careers Advisor interviews National Science Museum trip (13/12/22)	Careers Advisor interviews External GCSE exams (w/c 15/05/23 – 26/06/23)



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Careers Advisor interviews PSHE – Next steps/ target setting Mock exams (w/c 14/11/22 and 21/11/22) Open days/ evenings promotion Post 16 provider assemblies and visits	Parents Evening (15/12/22) Mock exams (w/c 13/03/22) Grade 9 conference D6A (22/03/22)	

The careers provision of Dixons Cottingley has been closely mapped to the eight Gatsby Benchmarks in order to ensure all students, on leaving education, can meet the demands of the fast-changing world of work.

