

## **CAREERS / POST 16**

*'Pupils receive impartial and useful careers information and guidance to support their next stage of development. Over recent years, all pupils leaving the school have gone on to further education, employment or training.'* OFSTED.

At Bramhall High we aim to give good quality, impartial advice and guidance; thereby ensuring all our students have the best possible foundation on which to base their future choices and pathways. All students receive an individual interview from Services for Young People (SfYP). We have also invested in online learning platforms: Start and Apprenticeships. These provide all students with independent, impartial careers advice accessible from home and school.

In year 7 and 8 we encourage students to identify their qualities, skills and interests and explore future careers as part of their own personal research projects, along with developing important interpersonal and life skills that will hold them in good stead for their futures. This work occurs in Form Time.

We ensure guidance is on hand too for Year 9 students should they require further support in order to help them make informed choices regarding their GCSE option choices. We encourage students to look forward to their future life in work, offering support and advice on subject choice through our options process.

### **Preparing for the Future**

Bramhall High offers a wide range of activities and events to support all students in their understanding of careers and work-related learning.

In Year 10 one day of SKFL is dedicated to providing an introduction to Post 16 options where students explore a variety of opportunities available beyond Year 11. This is followed up by a number of group sessions in the Summer Term offering support on choosing Apprenticeships, Vocational Courses and A Levels. We have excellent relationships with our local colleges and training providers and they deliver a number of informative talks interactive sessions and taster sessions that seek to support our students in the decision-making process.

Year 10 all go on Work Experience. Associated work is delivered in conjunction with this. During the pandemic we organised both traditional WEX and Virtual WEX

Our Careers Fair in July provides students and parents the opportunity to meet representatives from sixth form colleges and universities from around the Manchester area, Apprenticeship and training providers and the Armed Forces. College Taster Days in July give each student the opportunity to experience college life for the day as well as sample a range of post 16 courses. They also attend all Parents' Evenings.

In Year 11 Regular lunchtime sessions are held offering support and guidance on the college application process and applying for an Apprenticeship. These sessions are often supported by local sixth form colleges and training providers. Students interested in Apprenticeships are supported by group sessions to register with the National Apprenticeship Service, ensure CVs are up to date and students fully understand the application process. A carousel of visiting colleges and university talks are all planned and delivered to raise students' awareness and aspirations.

We have outstanding success in both placing our students at Post 16 and our students remaining in Post 16 one year on. We work closely with all our local providers. The programme our students follow prepares them to make an informed choice on their progression to the next step.

In 2021 – 100% of our students have been placed. Our four-year trend remains at 98% for students remaining in Post 16. This trend is unprecedented area-wide.

## 2020 Cohort

<b>Destination</b>	<b>% of students</b>
<b>Full Time Education College / School</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Apprenticeship</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Employment with training</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Latest Data supplied by Stockport Local Authority for Bramhall High School.