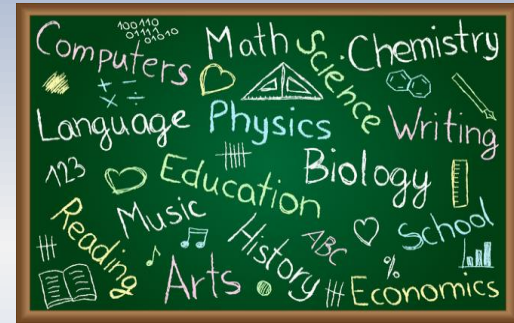


CAREER PATHWAYS AND CHOOSING YOUR GCSE SUBJECTS

Years 7/8



Edgbarrow School, March 2022
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What do Adviza do in schools?

- A big part of what Adviza does, is careers advice and guidance in schools.
- We meet with students on a 1:1 basis, in small groups and sometimes we do presentations like this one.
- Students talk to us about their career ideas, their future option choices and their next steps.
- We help students to explore the options available to them and make sure that they have all the information that they need to move them forward.

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Objectives of the session

- Start to think about careers
- Know what your GCSE options are
- Factors you need to consider and the importance of GCSE qualifications
- Where to find more information

What is Careers Guidance?

The process of making well informed, realistic decisions about careers

- Knowing your options and how to find out more
- Getting advice – there will be lots of career activities organised by the school.
- Knowing yourself – your interests and strengths
- Making informed decisions
- Managing the transition





What do you know about your parents jobs and also friends and family ?

Do they have to travel, wear a uniform, work shifts?

Why are GCSEs Important?

GCSEs can determine what you do next

Universities look at your GCSE grades

Some apprenticeships require certain GCSE grades

Most employers expect good Maths and English GCSEs

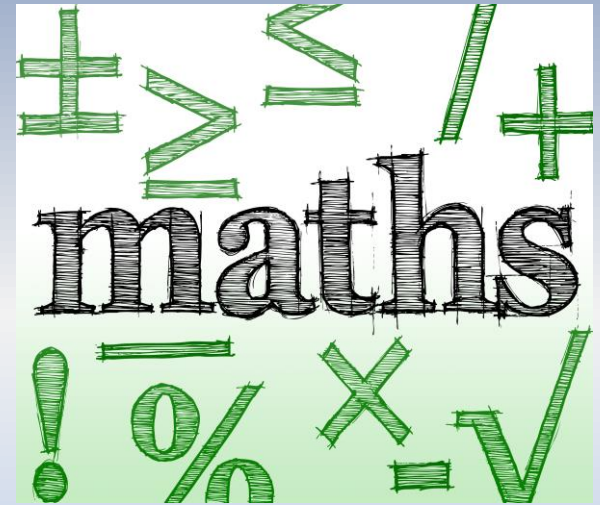
Sixth forms and Colleges will ask for specific grades for different pathways

Good grades can give your more choices post 16

Your Core subjects

At Edgbarrow, it is compulsory for you to study:

- Maths
- English Language
- English Literature
- Combined Science
- Core Physical Education
- Core PSHE
- At least one EBacc subject
- The EBacc is not a qualification in its own right – it's a combination of GCSE subjects, including a language, that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people.



Options subjects

- Art & Design
- Business
- Business Enterprise - Vocational
- Drama
- Economics
- Engineering – Vocational
- Health & Social Care – Vocational
- Hospitality & Catering – Vocational
- IT Creative i-media
- Music - Vocational

Options subjects

- Performing Arts – Vocational
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Product Design – Polymers
- Product Design – Textiles
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Sport Science

Where to look for careers information

Visit the Adviza portal to find out further information about your options and careers.

The login for your school is:

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GCSEs and Options After Year 8/9

Art and design after year 8/9

English after year 8/9

Mathematics after year 8/9

Science and related subjects after year 8/9

Work-related programmes after year 8/9

Business and related subjects after year 8/9

Humanities after year 8/9

Options after year 8/9: an overview

Sport and PE after year 8/9

Computer science and ICT after year 8/9

Languages after year 8/9

Performing arts after year 8/9

Technology and related subjects after year 8/9

See the Adviza portal – School

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Tips for Decision Making?

1. Choosing a subject because you enjoy it
2. Choosing a subject because you are good at it
3. Choosing a subject because you think it would be useful for your future
4. Choosing a subject because you could learn new skills



The Good News...

- There are many subjects areas you can study/go into at 6th form and college following your GCSEs even if you didn't take them
- Edgbarrow: Geography, History, Business, Law, Photography, Psychology, Sociology etc..
- Other schools and colleges will set their own subject requirements, but don't be scared if you want to study a subject like Business later on – they may well look at your Maths and English grades to make the decision

Career Considerations

Certain subjects will provide a solid base for your continued studies and career ideas, for example:

- **Art & Design** – fine artists, designers, teaching, film or theatre, graphic artists, animators, retail business, gardening, cooking, hairdressing, architecture
- **Computing & ICT** – cyber security, programming, software development, technical support, management, hardware specialists
- **Sciences** – doctor, dentist, physiotherapist, veterinarian, marine biology, chemists, physicist, aerospace, engineering, biotechnology

Real stories to inspire your career

From accountants to zookeepers, get a first-hand view of jobs and ideas for your future.

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Find out which animal you are

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What are employers looking for?

- Many jobs will have minimum qualification levels, you won't be considered without them
- Competition can be fierce for some jobs, so employers will look for applicants with the 'best' qualifications
- You are paid for the knowledge and skills we can bring to an employer
- **However**, for most jobs your soft skills, practical skills, hobbies, work experience, volunteering and personal qualities are just as important

Labour market information

Travel & Tourism - The travel and tourism industry was badly hit by the Covid pandemic but employment is now increasing. British Airways is employing 4000 new cabin crew to meet demand and similar recruitment is happening across the industry, including Jet2, EasyJet and Virgin Atlantic who are all heavily recruiting. Gatwick is opening up its second runway and holiday makers are desperate to travel again with travel agents and tour operators all reporting a massive surge in bookings.



Jobs in demand in the UK - March 2022

1	Programmers and Software Developers	£26,000
2	Cyber Security Specialists	£25,000
3	Health Services and Residential Care	£21,000 - £30,000
4	Architects	£28,000
5	Graphic Designers	£18,800
6	Physical Scientists	

Famous people

Guess the famous person's previous
job role before they were a
celebrity

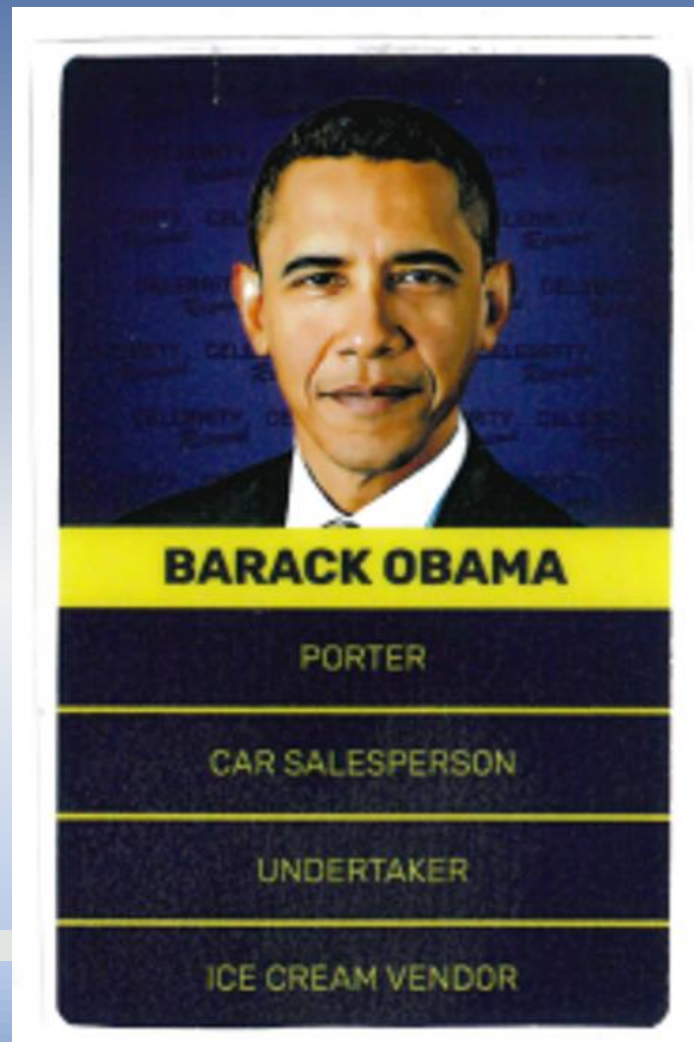
You may be surprised 😊



CALLIGRAPHER

Five years before starring in *Suits*, Meghan supported herself by working at *Paper Source*, a small stationary shop. Young Ms Markle was a calligrapher for the company until the roles started rolling in for the talented actress. Now, The Duchess of Sussex is far too royal to bother with acting or calligraphy.

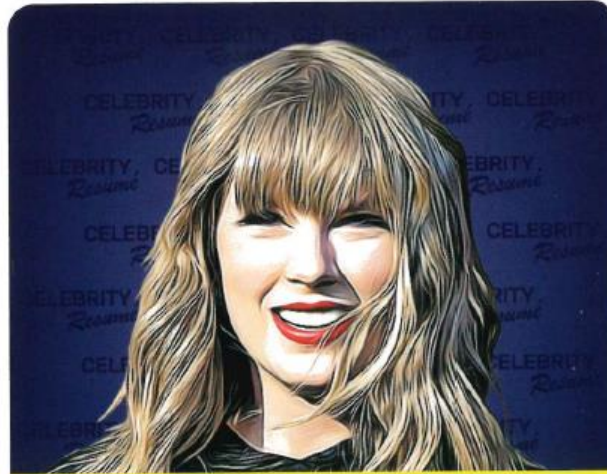
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ICE CREAM VENDOR

'Yes, we can!' Perhaps former president of the USA Barack Obama thought of this catchy slogan whilst working at *Baskin Robbins* in the summer of 1978. 'Yes, we can do 31 flavours!' Not all at once, sadly, Barack. He also attributes some valuable life lessons such as managing work, family and school to this role.

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TAYLOR SWIFT

INSECT EXTERMINATOR

UNDERWEAR MODEL

HAIRDRESSER

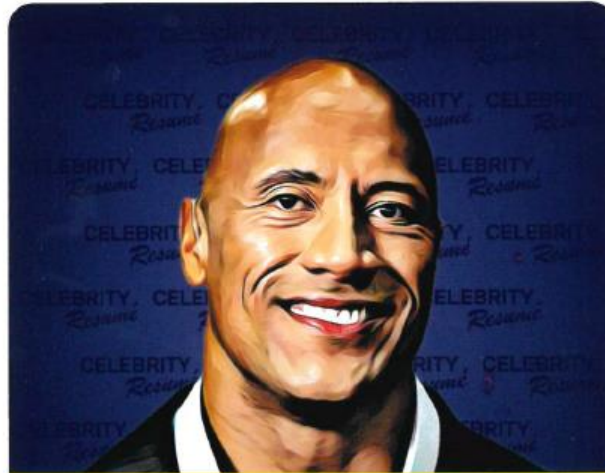
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INSECT EXTERMINATOR

Taylor swift had no trouble finding work as a youngster. The *Shake it Off* singer was an agricultural worker on her parents Pennsylvania farm where she removed insects from trees.

That's tough work for a child, you might think? It was a Christmas tree farm, so that makes it a little jollier, doesn't it? A traumatised Taylor has been trying to shake it off ever since.

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DWAYNE JOHNSON

DISH WASHER

BODYGUARD

FLORIST

DRIVING INSTRUCTOR

DISH WASHER

The world's highest paid actor of 2018 didn't always have it so good.

The former *People's Champion* started his working life wrestling plates as a dish washer, three nights a week, for a meagre \$3.45 an hour! No wonder he's spent the rest of his career laying the smackdown on countless bad guys and villains.

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Ways that you can develop your skills

Helping others - parents, carers, family, friends, neighbours, teachers

Hobbies & interests – music, art, sport, clubs

School – projects, teams, activities, favourite subjects



Summary - How can I help myself?

Attend the Options evening nearer the time. Current students will be on hand to talk about the subjects and what they are really like

Talk to your Teachers – they know about your ability and potential and which subjects will suit you

Make sure you know enough about the subjects – school website/prospectus

Talk to others who know you - Parents, Family, Family friends, Employers, Sports Coaches & Activity Leaders to find out about your strengths

Use the Adviza portal for careers information and careers quizzes to match your interests and strengths to jobs and careers.

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