

ST LOUIS GRAMMAR SCHOOL · CAREERS / CEIAG

Year 12 Information Evening

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance



Three Key Concepts in Careers

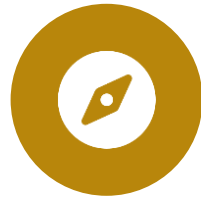


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Self-Development

Who am I?

Understanding my strengths, interests, skills and values, and how these shape my choices.



2

Career Exploration

What's out there?

Researching courses, pathways, apprenticeships and the world of work.



3

Career Management

How do I get there?

Making, reviewing and adjusting plans, and managing key transitions.

Who am I?

In Careers lessons, Year 12 pupils learn about themselves by exploring:



Strengths and interests

What am I good at? What do I enjoy?



Skills and qualities

Teamwork, communication, problem-solving and resilience.



Reflecting on progress

Using reports and GCSE targets to see where they stand.



Influences on choices

Family, friends, subjects, media and the wider world.

How you can help: talk with your child about what they enjoy, what they are good at and what matters to them.

The GCSE Profile Matters



**Doing well now
keeps all doors
open later.**



It will be looked at

Universities, colleges and employers all consider GCSE results.



It may be the deciding factor

Competitive courses such as Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry and Actuarial Science expect top grades.



It matters for future study

Some universities set GCSE requirements even where no A Level subjects are specified.

Options after Year 12



Sixth Form

Stay on at St Louis to study A Levels. Most of our pupils choose this route.



FE College

e.g. Northern Regional College, North West Regional College, Belfast Met, CAFRE.



Training

A training scheme such as Skills for Life and Work, or an apprenticeship.



Employment

Moving directly into the world of work.

Every pathway can lead to success. Our role is to help each pupil make an informed choice.

Post-16: Finding the Right Pathway

Most of our students return to St Louis and follow a pathway that suits their interests and strengths.

In Careers lessons, pupils are encouraged to research every option using:



University websites

Courses and entry requirements



Labour Market Information

Where the jobs are growing



Careers Fair

February – meet employers and university representatives



Careers Service NI

[nidirect.gov.uk careers pages](https://nidirect.gov.uk/careers/pages)

Labour Market Information

Top 10 growth sectors, 2023 to 2033

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| 1 Health and social work | 6 Restaurants and hotels |
| 2 Professional, scientific and technical | 7 Transport and storage |
| 3 Information and communication | 8 Administrative and support services |
| 4 Construction | 9 Other service activities |
| 5 Manufacturing | 10 Finance and insurance |



Why it matters

Knowing which sectors are growing helps pupils choose subjects that lead to strong job prospects.

A Levels and BTECs



A Levels

Structure

Two-year academic courses, usually 3 or 4 subjects.

Assessment

Mostly final exams, with some coursework.

Recognition

Widely accepted by universities, across the UK

Flexibility

Choose subjects to suit career goals, e.g. Biology and Chemistry for Medicine.



BTECs

Levels

Level 3 BTEC qualifications equate to A Levels.

Assessment

Mainly coursework, practical projects and assignments.

Relevance

Developed with industry to match the needs of employers.

BTEC Subjects

Construction, IT, Business Studies and Sport.

Combining A Levels and BTECs



Flexible combinations

Many institutions accept a mix of A Levels and BTECs.



A balanced experience

Academic theory alongside practical, applied skills.



Valued by universities and employers

Especially when the combination fits the career goal.



Guidance matters

Check with the Careers team that a combination meets future entry requirements.

Careers Service NI



Your Careers Adviser

Mrs Vicky McCook

Independent Careers Adviser from
the Department for the Economy's
Careers Service



Online form

Sent to your child's C2k email to complete.



Where

The office beside Room 9.



How pupils are informed

Through TEAMS and a text message home.



When

Interviews run until around the end of February.

How Can a Careers Adviser Help?

Every Year 12 pupil will be given the opportunity to attend a Careers Guidance Meeting.



Information, advice and guidance

To help your child make informed choices about future career paths.



Explore ideas

Talk through thoughts about a future career and the options available.



Put plans in place

Discuss the options at the end of Year 12 and agree next steps.

Keeping Informed



Microsoft Teams

Careers Service interview
times and updates



School Website

Information updated
regularly



SLG Careers Bulletin

On the school app: events,
open days and
apprenticeship opportunities.

Please check the school app regularly so you don't miss important announcements.

Thank you

