



Wath Academy Careers Programme



Academic Year 2026 - 2027

Year Group

Activity

Year 7 – Exploring Possibilities

Year 7

Students begin to think about their future by:

- Exploring their interests, strengths and skills
- Learning about different career sectors and job roles
- Taking part in careers activities through lessons and enrichment opportunities
- Meeting employers and visitors who share their career journeys
- Developing an understanding of employability skills

The Careers Programme provides:

- Access to Unifrog digital careers platform
- Character Education tutor programme
- Careers Fair
- Employer assemblies
- Employer/careers element to visits – various
- Careers modules in Life Skills

Year 8 – Raising Aspirations

Year 8

Students build on their understanding of careers through:

- Employer encounters and careers workshops
- Activities linked to personal development and career planning
- Learning about labour market information and future employment trends
- Exploring different educational and career pathways
- Participation in careers events and themed activities

The Careers Programme provides:

- Access to Unifrog digital careers platform
- Character Education tutor programme
- Careers Fair
- Work Shadowing Day
- Careers Speed Networking
- Employer assemblies
- Employer/careers element to visits – various
- Industrial Cadets Challenger Experience Day

Year 9 – Preparing for Key Decisions

Year 9

Students receive support as they make their GCSE option choices by:

- Attending careers-focused assemblies and information sessions.
- Exploring how subjects relate to future careers.
- Meeting employers, training providers and further education representatives.
- Accessing impartial careers guidance and resources.
- Developing greater awareness of qualifications and progression routes.

The Careers Programme provides:

- Access to Unifrog digital careers platform
- Careers modules in Life Skills
- Character Education tutor programme
- Y9 Choices - Transition Support programme
- Better Learners Better Workers (BLBW) - selected students
- Industrial Cadets Bronze Award (EDT) - selected students
- Careers Connect Club - selected students
- Get up to Speed with STEM (GUTS)
- Employer assemblies
- Employer/careers element to visits - various
- 1-1 personal guidance with L6 qualified careers advisers

Year 10 – Planning for the Future

Year 10

Students begin preparing for life after school through:

- Encounters with employers, colleges, apprenticeship providers and universities.
- Workplace and employability-related activities.
- Careers fairs and networking opportunities.
- Developing CV writing, interview and employability skills.
- Access to independent careers guidance with a qualified careers adviser, to support future decisions.

The Careers Programme provides:

- Access to Unifrog digital careers platform
- Careers modules in Life Skills
- Character Education tutor programme
- Y10 Work Experience
- Mock Interview Day
- Y10 Careers Review Week
- HE university awareness sessions
- Employer assemblies
- Employer/careers element to visits – various
- Uni Away Day – whole year group visit to a university

Year 11 – Next Steps and Transition Planning

Year 11

Year 11 is a key transition year, and students receive additional support to help them make informed post-16 decisions. This includes:

- Personal guidance interviews with a qualified careers adviser.
- Information and support on college, sixth form, apprenticeship and training opportunities.
- Support with applications, personal statements and enrolment processes.
- Careers fairs, employer encounters and post-16 events.
- Access to impartial careers information and guidance throughout the year.

The Careers Programme provides:

- Access to Unifrog digital careers platform
- Careers modules in Life Skills
- Character Education tutor programme
- Y11 Careers Review Week/Post 16 transition support programme
- Apprenticeship workshops (JCP)
- 1-1 personal guidance
- Employer assemblies
- Employer/careers element to visits – various
- Careers Dropzone – Wednesday lunchtimes (Spring term)

Wath Academy Sixth Form

Year 12

The Careers Programme provides:

- Work Experience (including mock interview with employer)
- Introduction into HE
- Alternative HE pathways
- Alumni speakers, Q & A
- Post 18 applications support
- UCAS Personal Statement workshops and support programme
- Oxbridge and Russell Group presentation
- Post 18 options morning
- UCAS convention visit
- Y12 Higher Education Evening
- Uni Away Day – whole year group visit to a university
- Mock interview sessions
- Widening participation schemes
- Access to Unifrog digital careers platform

Year 13

The Careers Programme provides:

- Personal Statement workshop
- Interview Skills presentation
- Furthering interview skills workshops
- Student finance and independent living
- Decision making and replying to UCAS

- UCAS Extra and clearing
- Student Life
- CV writing
- personal guidance
- Access to Unifrog digital careers platform

Whole School / Year Group Activity Programme

- Character Education (weekly) tutor time self-reflection, skills identification, life planning and goal setting Y7-Y11
- Votes for Schools (weekly) tutor time debating skills, oracy skills and labour market information about careers and opportunities Y7-Y11
- Careers Padlet – careers information and local opportunities

Activity

Date

Careers Review Week – Y9	Week commencing	11.01.27
Careers Review Week – Y10	Week commencing	07.06.27
Careers Review Week – Y11	Week commencing	18.01.27
Y8 Careers Speed Networking	Friday	09.10.26
Wath Academy Careers Fair	Tuesday	03.11.26
Y12 Careers Networking	Thursday	10.12.26
Y10 Discover HE	Tuesday	12.01.27
Y9 Careers Discovery Day	Tuesday	19.01.27
National Apprenticeship Week	Monday - Sunday	08 – 14 February 2027

Activity

Date

National Careers Week	Monday - Saturday	01 – 06 March 2027
Y9 Get up to Speed (GUTS) with STEM	Wednesday	17.03.27
Y10 Mock Interview Day	Friday	19.03.27
Y5 Careers Transition Day	Thursday	25.03.27
Y7 Step into the NHS	TBC	TBC
Y10 Work Experience	Monday – Friday (1 week)	24.05.27 – 28.05.27

Y12 Work Experience	Monday – Friday (2 weeks)	07.06.27 - 18.06.27
Work Shadowing Day (Y8 / Y9)	Wednesday	14.07.27
Uni Away Day (Y10 / Y12)	Wednesday	14.07.27
Whole-school Careers Celebration Day	Wednesday	14.07.27
Y7 Trash Fashion	Wednesday	14.07.27

