

Focus on the Future!

Week Six

This week's bulletin brings you an overview of careers advice in school. It is especially **useful for parents** who want to find out about the careers advice available and what schools are now offering.



www.success at School.org have a brilliant page on their website dedicated to parents and letting you know what is on offer to your children in terms of careers information, advice and guidance whilst at school. This bulletin provides a summary of the main advice.

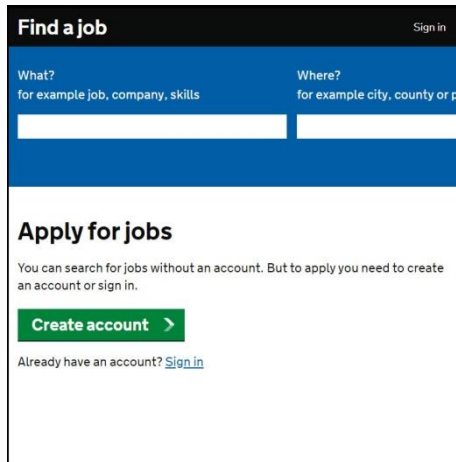
<https://successatschool.org/advisedetails/1222/make-sure-your-child-gets-good-careers-advice>

Providing support at home

As a parent or carer, you can help play a part in helping your child match their skills and interests to work out what they want to do in their careers.



Understanding local job opportunities

The image shows a screenshot of the 'Find a job' website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the text 'Find a job' on the left and 'Sign in' on the right. Below the header, there are two search input fields. The first is labeled 'What?' with the subtext 'for example job, company, skills'. The second is labeled 'Where?' with the subtext 'for example city, county or po'. Below these fields is a blue bar. Underneath, the text 'Apply for jobs' is displayed. A paragraph follows: 'You can search for jobs without an account. But to apply you need to create an account or sign in.' Below this is a green button with the text 'Create account' and a right-pointing arrow. At the bottom, there is a link: 'Already have an account? [Sign in](#)'.

<https://www.gov.uk/find-a-job>

You can use the government's 'Find A Job' tool to search for local vacancies to see what type of jobs are readily available in this area.

Although your child may be willing to work elsewhere in the country or even the world, it is important to understand the local job market for a number of reasons. It will help them:

- Find work experience.
- Understand whether there are longer-term opportunities near to home.

Other ways you can research the local job market:

Local jobs boards: Job board websites for your local area, including for particular industries, such as local government or IT.

National job boards: Similarly, national job boards such as Indeed or Monster will allow you to apply geographic filters so you can view only jobs in your area.

Understand what careers advice is offered in schools



Schools are now advised to use the 8 Gatsby benchmarks in order to meet their legal requirement for careers advice.

<https://www.gatsby.org.uk/education/focus-areas/good-career-guidance>

Some of the things we are doing in Ramsey Academy:

<https://directions-careers.co.uk/>



Directions Careers work in partnership with The Ramsey Academy to offer students independent careers information, advice and guidance. I am available every week to meet one-one with students but also offer group work careers sessions such as in year 9 to support with GCSE options.

We hold weekly employer drop in sessions where employers are invited in to school to talk to students in a very informal setting. Students from all year groups are encouraged to attend. These have been very successful and powerful for the students. Employers have included accountants, paramedics, sports coaches, solicitors, engineers, hairdressers, veterinary nurses and so on.

Many other activities take place such as guest speakers to assemblies, visits and events all supporting students in making their plans and decisions about the future.

**I hope you have found this helpful
Let me know if you have any questions.**



Please email me if you need any help accessing these websites and I can explain further.

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