



Careers Information and Guidance

At Thorp Academy, all students are entitled to impartial careers advice and guidance through the careers section of the Learning Resource Centre or the attached Connexions officer from the Gateshead Connexions team.

Maggie Downing is our current KS4 Connexions officer and appointments can be made through the Year 11 team for Wednesday mornings from 8.45am.

Rob Ballantyne gives advice to our KS5 students and appointments to meet with him can be made through the 6th Form office or at the LRC desk.

As well as current job information, leaflets and website links in the LRC we also have online programmes which our students can use.

The **eClips** programme <http://www.eclips-online.co.uk/index.php> is available to all students and holds extensive information on a wide range of careers from the current job market as well as further education and training advice. Please request an information sheet and school account password from the LRC issue desk for access to this site.

We also have access to the **Skills 2 Succeed Academy** <https://www.s2sacademy.com/> online site through The Key Skills charity. This site offers advice on employability skills and holds 42 hours of highly interactive online career training and support materials. This is available to any student across all key stages. Ask at the LRC desk for an information sheet and the student password to create your personal online account.

Our KS3 students will be researching careers pathways and given guidance on employability skills as part of their Information Literacy Programme in the LRC.

We will be taking part in the ESH Group Building Your Skills Programme from September with every Year 12 student during tutorials. These sessions will make students aware of career pathways, online personal profiles, CV building and interview preparation.

We are developing links with local businesses and colleges and throughout the year will be inviting speakers in to talk to our students about Apprenticeships, business enterprise and employability skills.

The following online websites are useful for students and parents to browse:

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>

<http://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

www.icould.com

<http://www.careersbox.co.uk/>

All College and University prospectuses are kept in the 6th form study room of the LRC and are updated regularly. If you would like to take a prospectus away please ask at the desk and multiple copies can be ordered for you.