



YEAR 7

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2023-2024



CEIAG AT ORMISTON CHADWICK ACADEMY

“Our intent is to give students the education, advice and guidance to empower them to have high aspirations and self-belief so that they can achieve personal happiness and future success”

*****NEWS FLASH*** We are proud to announce that we have been re-accredited with the Quality and Careers Standard in July 2023 to acknowledge our excellent CEIAG provision! We will receive a plaque of recognition to display in reception!**



At Ormiston Chadwick Academy, our comprehensive CEIAG programme is integral to laying the foundations to encourage a successful future for our students. We offer a bespoke programme, tailored to each year group and accessing all Gatsby Benchmarks, including National Careers Week in order to make the biggest difference to the lives of all students.

Originality

We encourage students to aspire to original and exciting post-16 opportunities and career paths that complement individual personalities and dreams. We provide students with unique & intriguing opportunities and experiences to help lay the foundations of a successful future.

Community

We work together to help one another fulfill our dreams and aspirations. We utilise the links within the wider community to help equip students with the tools needed to enjoy a successful future.

Aspiration

We place CEIAG at the heart of our curriculum from year 7 onward to inspire high pupil aspirations. Clear careers links are embedded throughout all subjects to provide the information that pupils need to achieve future goals.

Excellence

We investigate a wide range of job roles and demonstrate a robust understanding of a myriad of post-16 and career related options, not just those which we ourselves are interested in.

Respect

We promote respect by listening to the stories of others. From fellow pupils to alumni and guests who visit to share their careers related journey.

An opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers at year 7 progress evening on:

Thursday 20th June 2024

ADULT CAREER PROGRAMME

The National Careers Service offers an adult careers programme in which you can seek support and guidance in a variety of ways:

- Completing a job application
- Writing a CV
- Preparing for an Interview
- Seeking guidance into further and higher education to extend learning

If you would like any further information such as exploring different careers, there are plenty of resources available on their website –

www.nationalcareersservice.com

You may also find the resources below useful –

<https://targetcareers.co.uk/parents-and-teachers>

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/advice/parents>

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-finance-and-support/parents-and-carers/how-you-can-help>

<https://www.gov.uk/know-when-you-can-leave-school>

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/preparing-to-go/advice-for-parents/>

The logo for the National Careers Service is a bright pink square with a white diagonal line running from the bottom-left corner to the top-right corner. The words "National Careers Service" are written in white, bold, sans-serif font, stacked vertically and positioned to the right of the diagonal line.

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CAREER CONNECT:

We also have a service level agreement with Career Connect in the academy. Our adviser is:

Dan Hunt

These are highly qualified, impartial advisers that help prepare our students for life after Year 11. We have a bespoke programme set up in which all students by the time they have reached the end of Year 11 will have met with our adviser at least once, however, the programme does target groups right from Year 7.

If you would like any further guidance or information from our adviser please email her on dan.hunt@careerconnect.org.uk

Get Connected Portal:

To assist with ideas of what specific careers involve, what skills and qualities they require or what jobs your personality may suit please visit the Career Connect Portal.

You will need to sign up and register for an account with your details, however, you can then access this at any time as there is a wealth of resources available on there.



You can find the link on www.careerconnect.org.uk or on the school website.

Students will also have the opportunity to access the advice and guidance from our Careers Adviser during the allocated programme for identified students or they are welcome to drop in;

Most Mondays – Break and Lunchtime – Careers Office (N Block)

The Careers Office is at the end of N block upstairs and has a multitude of information on;

- The Labour Market
- Apprenticeships
- Further and Higher Education prospectus'
- Career opportunities
- Top Tips i.e. writing CV's, completing job applications etc.

A parent's guide to apprenticeships



As a parent, you want your child to get the best possible start in their career. There are many options available to young people after they leave school, and in this guide, we outline information and benefits about apprenticeships as a key route into a successful career.

What's an apprenticeship? It is a genuine job, with training, meaning you can earn while you learn and gain a nationally recognised qualification.

What are the benefits?

Apprenticeships are now available up to degree level and beyond. Over 70 national universities are currently offering a range of degree apprenticeships with more to be confirmed throughout the year.

- Earning a salary and paid holiday;
- Excellent progression opportunities, whether looking to study further or climb the ranks within the workplace;
- Increased future earning potential – apprentices enjoy marked salary increases on finishing their training and those completing a higher apprenticeship could see increased earnings of an estimated £150,000 over their lifetime.*

What levels are there?

There are various levels of apprenticeship to apply for depending on current skills and qualifications. Apprenticeships have equivalent educational levels:

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at Grades A*– C or 9 – 4
Advanced	3	2 A level passes
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

All apprenticeships include elements of on the job and off the job training leading to industry recognised standards or qualifications. Some apprenticeships will require an assessment at the end of the programme to assess the apprentice's ability and competence in their job role.

How do you apply?

At any one time there are between 12,000 – 20,000 apprenticeship vacancies available online in a variety of careers and industries across England. Visit **GOV.UK/apply-apprenticeship**. You can search by keyword (job role, occupation type or apprenticeship level) and by location.

Once the right job comes up, your son or daughter can simply register on the website and follow the step-by-step instructions to apply for the role.

Our YouTube channel has useful hints and tips on applying plus other videos on apprenticeships, visit YouTube and search apprenticeships/NAS.

If they are not quite ready for an apprenticeship or job, they could try a traineeship with a local employer to gain valuable work experience and the opportunity to improve their English and maths, if needed. Visit **GOV.UK/find-traineeship** for more information or to apply for traineeship opportunities.

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*University education – is this the best route into employment?
AAU and CEBR Feb 2013

Salaries

The minimum wage for apprentices is £3.70 per hour, but many employers pay more than this. This is dependent on the sector, region and apprenticeship level. E.g. some higher apprenticeships pay up to £500 per week.

More details on salaries and entry criteria in specific apprenticeship occupations can be accessed by looking at the vacancies on 'Find an apprenticeship'.

Entry requirements

Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 16, living in England. There are different entry requirements depending on the sector and job.

Recent legislation has come into effect which changes the minimum English and maths requirements needed to complete an apprenticeship for people with a learning difficulty or disability. The changes will lower the English and maths requirements for these apprentices to an Entry Level 3 qualification.

A Disability Confident Employer will generally offer an interview to any applicant that declares they have a disability and meets the minimum criteria as defined by the employer. For more details, search Disability Confident on GOV.UK.

School leaving age

The government has stated that all young people must stay in some form of education or training until at least their 18th birthday. This does not necessarily mean staying in school; young people have a choice about how they continue in education or training post 16, which could be through an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Search apprenticeships
on GOV.UK

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

The Labour Market Information refers to;

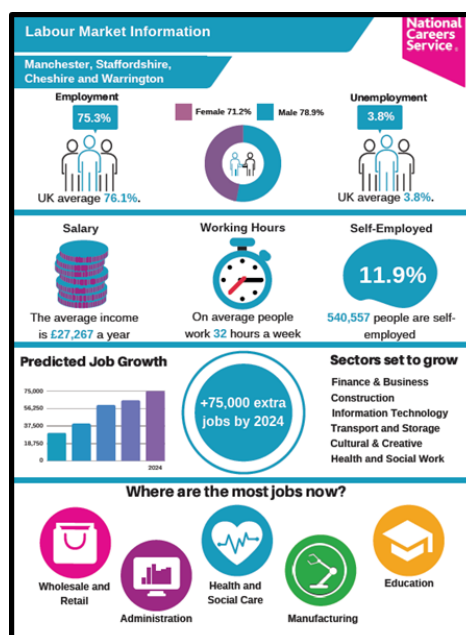
'Labour market information covers the principal elements of the labour market and its operations. The principal elements are the demand for labour and the supply of labour. Demand means the number of jobs available. Supply tells you the number of people who are able work.'

It is important that both yourselves as parents/carers and students understand the changes to the Labour Market as this will impact what jobs and careers are available and which sectors are growing.

For example:



Students are regularly updated with Labour Market Information related to the 'spotlight career of the week' in our weekly Morning Enrichment careers sessions.



CEIAG PROGRAMME 2023 -2024 – YEAR 7

The programme below is an indication of the careers education, information, advice and guidance your child will experience throughout their time in Year 7.



Additional activities may be added on throughout the year as those opportunities arise.

Activity	Date	Details	Students involved	Benchmark
Spotlight Career of the Week	Weekly - Friday	Exploration of the 'spotlight career of the week' including information on salary, skills, routes into the role and case studies about those working in the specific careers.	Whole year	1, 2, 4, 8
Employer Talks	Throughout the year	Raising aspirations with a talks from employers led by Speakers for Schools. Providing insight into different career paths and the skills and qualities needed to be successful.	Whole year	5
Post 16: Your Choice, Your Future event	19 th October 2023	Parents and students are invited to a market place of further education, training providers and higher education institutes to gain insight into the various Post 16 options.	Whole year	7 & 8
Parents Progress Evening	18 th April 2024	An evening in which parents find out the progress of their children and what their next steps are. Parent survey to review the CEIAG programme.	Whole year	8
Aspiration Assembly	January 2024	An assembly delivered by vice principal, Mrs Johnson aimed at raising aspirations and introducing students to higher education, the benefits and career opportunities that are presented from having a degree.	Whole year	7 & 8
National Careers Week	March 2023	A variety of activities throughout the week to linking to the 2023 National Careers Week theme including an assembly and various activities surrounding LMI, employers, apprenticeships and development of life skills through careers.	Whole year	Various (specifically 4)
Personal Development: Careers focus	June-July 2024	Three lessons as part of the personal development curriculum exploring information and LMI about self-employment. Students will have the opportunity to partake in a dragon's den style competition.	Whole year	
Small group sessions with Careers Connect	June 2024	Small group sessions with the Career Connect Advisor for identified students that need some additional support and guidance in ensuring they are on track to achieve and succeed in school.	75 students	3 & 8
OCA-er Week	July 2024	Students will take part in activities linking to our whole school values as well as undertaking visits into our local city of Liverpool.	Whole year	4 & 6
University Visits	July 2024	Year group visit to Liverpool Hope University in line with our aspiration value. Campus tour and lecture experience.	Whole year	7

Revision:


If you would like to support your child this year in preparation for them completing their Key Stage 3 courses, the following suggestions have been made alongside the lesson content which is uploaded onto Teams:

English:

- KS3 English - BBC Bitesize
- British Library – Online Resources
- Eds Place - English

Maths:

- HegartyMaths - students have their own log in details
- mathsbot.com
- justmaths.co.uk
- mathsgenie.co.uk
- corbettmaths.com



KS3 Science

Revision Hints

The world's worst method of revision is to read through notes and leave it at that. Only a few people remember lots of information after just reading notes! Revision is boring and you must find ways of tricking your brain into engaging with it!

There are lots of different activities you can do to help you revise. However, before you start anything, you need to organise yourself (and your revision area). Scan the QR code for revision timetable templates and for advice.


To be organised, try these revision techniques:

- Read your revision guide or exercise book and **condense your notes**. You could write them onto flash cards with sub-headings or bullet points the key points.
- Read your notes and **create questions and answers**. You can then come back to answer your questions and self-assess at a later date.
- Make **mind maps** based on notes with key facts. Add colours and pictures to help you remember.
- Create **mnemonics**. E.g. Monkeys Eat Peeled Bananas helps me remember methane, ethane, propane and butane. Make ones that make you laugh, it will be easier to remember!
- Use **past paper questions**. This is so important, it gets you ready for the real thing more than anything.
- **Check your progress**, make flashcards of questions and **get someone to test you** on them.


Useful Resources

YouTube


Bored on YouTube? You might find some of these channels interesting. Use your phone camera to scan the QR codes or search the YouTube channels.




Sci Show



Vsauce





Veritasium




Download the apps:

1. Quizlet
2. BBC KS3 Bitesize App
3. Study Ninja
4. Popplet
5. 23 Equations






Educake Login



How to revise smarter



Ideas for experiments at home

Educake

Use the QR code to access the Educake website, or go to www.educake.co.uk. Login using your username and password. Your teacher will set you homework through **Educake**, this will give you instant feedback on the quiz you complete. Write your username below to help you remember it (you can also write your password):

Username: _____

Password: _____

KS3 Science Course Details

Year 7 Topic List	Year 8 Topic List
1. Science Skills	1. Science Skills
2. Atomic Structure	2. The Periodic Table
3. Cells	3. Organ Systems
4. Forces	4. Waves
5. Chemical Reactions	5. Bonding
6. Particle Model	6. Electricity
7. Nervous System	7. Rates of Reaction
8. Energy	8. Adaptations & Inheritance
9. Chemical Analysis	9. Magnetism
10. Acids & Bases	10. Reactivity Series
11. Energy Resources	12. Motion
12. Plants	13. Infection
13. Ecosystem	
14. The Earth	

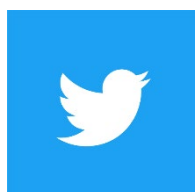
SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow the academy's social media sites as you find updated important information and news regarding the school:



team_oqa

oca_careers



@OATChadwick



Ormiston Chadwick Academy



If you were, or know of anyone else, who was a past student at this Secondary School on Liverpool Road, please share your story.

Our Alumni page on the school website needs populating with success stories of how students have worked their way into a range of careers. Tell us about your pathway and an overview of your current role. Tell us your highs and memories from life at school.

We would like to celebrate your successes with our current students and illustrate just what they are capable of.

Email alumni@ocacademy.co.uk to be sent a password that will enable you to complete a profile on the website.

Please spread the word.