

What Careers Information will you child receive?

Pupils will receive:

- Additional careers information within PSHE Drop down days, Lessons and interventions.
- Information on Technical and vocational qualifications such as T-Levels, Traineeships & Apprenticeships
- Access to careers information is available in books, videos, leaflets and on computers. Any additional information, students can see the Careers Leader, who will source the appropriate material the student needs.
- Support through the school's Careers Team
- An Interview with the New Directions Careers adviser (Level 6 Qualified Adviser)
- Core & Vocational Subject lessons linked to careers.

What Pupils will expect:

- Treated equally by other pupils, staff and visitors.
- Given careers information and advice that is up to date and impartial.
- Given extra help if required.
- Pupils will be able to enjoy the sessions and activities they participate in.
- Additional support is available where appropriate through extra help by the SENDCo, Senior Leaders and the Pastoral & SEND Team.



Who can I speak to about Post 16 Transition and Support?

The Heights Blackburn, Careers Team:



Mr Ross Doohan

Careers Lead



Mrs Janet Hope Holden

Careers Advisor

New Directions



Miss H Morris

Assistant Head & Careers
SLT Link



Carol Ann Thompson

Enterprise Advisor

Careers Team Contact:

You can contact the team via the below email & number:

ross.doohan@theheightsfreeschool.org

Or **01254 261655**



Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance (CEIAG)

Information for Parent & Carers



PARENTAL SUPPORT & ENGAGEMENT

At The Heights, we strive to support Parents & Carers in anyway we can, whilst your child is making decisions about there next steps around post 16.

During this time, we are on hand to support with providing you with the correct information to help support your child in making the next appropriate steps. We will do this trough regular provider updates and updates about Upcoming provider events.



WORK EXPERIENCE



Learner in Year 10 and 11, have the opportunity to participate in work experience, this can be arranged through school, or if you have a Family Friend or relative that would be willing to facilitate this, we are happy to make the appropriate Health and Safety Requirements, All placements are sourced and approved by either MPloy and EBP.

Work Experience is coordinated by Mr. Doohan, if you or your child would like further information regarding this please contact Mr. Doohan via the contact details overleaf.



CAREERS ADVICE & GUIDANCE

At The Heights, we are lucky enough to employ a Qualified (Level 6) Careers Advisor to provides impartial advice and guidance to learners in all year group.

This service is provided and sourced by Blackburn With Darwen's Council New Directions Careers Service.

New Directions have worked with the school for a number of years and have a wealth of experience in working with Learners with Additional Needs and those in Alternative Provision.

What do New Direction do? How do they support Learners?

- Providing information, advice & guidance on courses, qualifications & careers
- Helping young people find and apply for jobs and training including apprenticeships
- Signpost to other partners/agencies for support around personal issues

Mrs. Hope Holden works in school alternative Tuesday and Wednesday each week, appointments can be arranged through Mr. Doohan



ALUMNI



At The Heights, we are very proud of our student achievement at Post 16 level, we encourage ex students to become part of our Alumni Network which is overseen by our School Careers Leader; Mr. Doohan.

If any former student's would like to be part of our Alumni Network they can contact Mr. Doohan via email at:

ross.doohan@theheightsfreeschool.org

or via the School's Careers Twitter page **@TheHeightsCEIAG**.

Below are just some of our Student Success stories

Zak (2023 Alumni)

After Leaving The Heights in 2023, Zak enrolled at Blackburn Rovers Sports College on a Level 2 Sports course, with the hope of moving on to a higher level qualification the following year. Speaking to Zak at the end of May 2024 he is currently in his final phase of his level 2 course and has been enjoying the programme. With hopes of moving onto the Level 3 course in September, he looks forward to continuing his studies at the College.

Bradley (2023 Alumni)

Having enrolled at Myerscough College in September 2023, Bradley spent his first year working on the agriculture programme. Bradley has now moved onto working full time at a local Garage as a trainee Mechanic, with plans to convert this into an apprenticeship in September 2024 with the support of a local training provider.

Kayla (2022 Alumni)

After Leaving The Heights in 2022, Kayla enrolled at Blackburn College doing Level 3 Public Services, with the ambitions of joining the army or the police. Kayla enjoyed her first year of college achieving Distinctions in her assignments working part time alongside her studies at a local bakery.

Speaking with Kayla and her Family in May 2024, Kayla is in her final phase of college with only a handful of assignments left, with ambitions of achieving top grades. Kayla is making plans to join the army or the Navy after her results.