Careers Education and Guidance

At Ilford County High School we have an embedded programme of career education and guidance that will enable our students to make well-informed decisions about their next step beyond our school. Below outlines some of the careers education and guidance we offer through our Personal Social and health Education programme in Years 7 to 11 and Learning for Life in the sixth form. We also offer more personalised careers guidance through our school careers advisor from the organisation Prospects.

Personal, Social and Health Education

As part of our Personal, Social and Health Education Programme students take part in careers based education days:

Year 7	Complete an International Enterprise project
Year 8	Take part in a National Enterprise Challenge
Year 9	Have the opportunity to research a career and take part in employment skills activities delivered by the Royal Navy.
Year 10	Participate in sessions delivered by MyBNK who cover topics such as saving, budgeting, public finance, social enterprise and start-up entrepreneurship.
Year 11	Have an assembly from the National Citizen Service Learning for Life Programme includes interview skills and preparation for Post 16 employment or study

Sixth Form

Throughout the sixth form students will receive support and guidance with their UCAS applications and take part in Learning for Life Sessions. Some students wish to move directly into employment or apprenticeships and they receive targeted individual support. ICHS arranges a visit to *SkillsLondon* for students wishing to explore options outside the traditional university route.

In Year 13 students complete a Learning for Life Programme, teaching them essential skills for undergraduate life and beyond. Guest speakers introduce / advise them about the process of university admissions and talk about life as a student. Last year we had representatives from both Bath and Aberdeen Universities as well as speakers from Student Finance. Furthermore we advertise taster days, open days, lectures and other experiences offered by universities. We also seek to bring in subject specific speakers to talk about careers within a chosen field, examples this year include an MP delivering a talk about Politics and Economics Inspiration Day for Year 12and 13.

This year we will provide opportunities to Year 12 to engage with an Online Course during their Learning for Life sessions. This will enable them to research subject matter that intrigues them; thus developing their understanding of specific concepts relevant to their future pathways.

Medicine and Dentistry

For students looking at a career in Medicine or Dentistry we offer a range of support and guidance. We help support students' applications by arranging visits from SAMDA, academics and ICHS Alumni to give advice regarding applications.

Work Experience

All Year 11 students at Ilford County have the opportunity to take part in a two week work experience programme giving them a first-hand experience of a workplace and allowing them to explore future career opportunities. We also help to organise relevant work experience for students in our sixth form.

Additional Information

If you require any additional information regarding our Careers Programme please do not hesitate to get in touch using the contact details below. We review our programme annually (next review date September 2019). The impact of the programme is assessed through PSHEE feedback, Student Voice and destination information.

SLT School Careers Leader	Contact Email Address	Contact Telephone Number
Ms S Hennessy	enquiries@ichs.org.uk	020 8551 6496

Policy Statement on Provider Access

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8-13 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point;
- To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through option events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events;
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact, the school Office Team Lead in the first instance:

ICHS School Office	Contact Email Address	Contact Telephone Number
Office Team Lead	enquiries@ichs.org.uk	020 8551 6496

Opportunities for access requests

A number of events that are integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers. Please speak with us to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Year 8	• Year 8 Curriculum Evening • KS3/4 Options Event	• Assembly & tutor group activities
Year 9	• KS4 Options Event	• Assembly & tutor group activities
Year 10	• Year 10 Curriculum Evening • Careers Fair	• Assembly & tutor group activities
Year 11	• Post 16 / Sixth Form Information Evening • Learning for Life Programme Opportunities • Careers Fair	• Post 16 Taster Sessions • Assembly & tutor group activities
Year 12	• Learning for Life Programme Opportunities • Small group sessions; future education, training and employment	• Assembly & tutor group activities • Careers Fair
Year 13	• Learning for Life Programme Opportunities • Small group sessions; future education, training and employment	• Assembly & tutor group activities • Careers Fair

Premises and Facilities

The school will make rooms available to providers as appropriate for the agreed activities. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the SLT School Careers Leader or a member of their team. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature to be shared with students through the LRC.

We review our Policy Statement on Provider Access annually (next review date September 2020)