

Careers Education

Pupils at Bredon School come from a wide range of backgrounds and have differing abilities and talents. As a result, once they leave the school, they go on to many different destinations. Some enter further or higher education; others immediately go into work-based training. Careers Education is an important aspect of life at Bredon School: we aim to provide students with detailed, up-to-date advice and information to guide them to make the best possible next step when they leave.

Throughout their time at the school, pupils are made aware of the world of work. There are special events, such as the Army's Look at Life sessions.

More formal careers education begins from Year 9, when GCSE options students receive personal reviews covering possible career paths. In addition, the school receives frequent visits from a specialist Personal Adviser from Herefordshire & Worcestershire's Connexions (formerly known as the careers service).

At the end of the Summer Term in Year 9, pupils experience the Real Game. This is a three-day opportunity, during which they select a career and then investigate what sort of lifestyle they could lead with such a job. Pupils are also guided in putting together their own CV and shown how to use the school's careers library and its Kudos software. This matches their interests and talents to a suitable job.

At the end of Year 10, the students begin preparations for Bredon School's long-established Interview Exercise, which continues in Year 11. The whole process of job-seeking is carefully replicated. Teachers guide students as they research jobs or post-16 courses, fill in application forms and then attend formal mock interviews. To make these as true to real life as possible, the interviews are conducted by panels of business people, college tutors and other experts. Teachers are present at the interviews as observers.

At the end of Year 11, in consultation with parents, one-week work experience placements are organised for all students.

In the Sixth Form, the Interview Exercise is repeated at a higher level, giving students the chance to fine-tune their skills. As part of their vocational courses, many Sixth-Formers at Bredon School spend one day or half-a-day a week in a local work placement, or have longer, block placements. The pupils' personal tutors are closely involved in this process.

[Click here](#) for a link to Worcestershire 14-19 Prospectus - website with up-to-date information about local courses and training opportunities.

Below is a selection of photographs showing work experience in recent years. The final photograph shows one of our students in his interview experience. To see an image at full size please click on it, then follow the instructions to move to another image.

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