

Year 8 GCSE Guided Pathways



...making the right choice for you



What has been going on?



Date	Supportive Event
Monday 2 February	Year 8 assembly Options launch
Monday 2 February +	Year 8 careers guidance meetings - all students have a conversation with Level 6 qualified careers advisor (preliminary discussion about interests)
During March	Taster sessions begin for all subjects
Monday 2 March +	Academic Mentoring - Discussion of intended option choices through tutors Tutors call home to help inform choices
Thursday 19 March	Careers Networking Event
Thursday 26 March	Options Evening – Options Subject Fair (1700 – 1830)
Monday 13 April	Options form available through MCAS
Monday 20 April	Options form submission deadline
July	Formal confirmation of allocated options sent to students and parents



Taster sessions and Careers Networking Event



Think!



- A **balance** of subjects may help to keep your **future** options open.
- Which subjects are you **good at, interested in or enjoy?**
- If you are trying to choose between two subjects, think about **how each option complements and supports your other GCSE subjects.**
- Do you need a particular subject to move on to A Level/Level 3?



Students – who can help you?



- Ask your **subject teachers** and your **form tutor** for advice
- Ask Mr Lewis and Mrs Ripley, our **Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) Leads**, to help plan future pathways
- Speak to your **parents, carers or relatives**
- Attend and engage in the GCSE options events at school
- **Read** any course information and presentations that are available on our school website for further information and inspiration



What will all students continue to study?

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- Core PE
- Life Skills

- History OR Geography (OR both)

Which subjects can students choose to specialise in?

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| Art | German |
| Business Studies | Health and Social Care |
| Computer Science | History |
| Dance | Media |
| Drama | Music |
| Design and Technology | Sport: two pathways |
| Food Preparation and Nutrition | Religious Studies |
| Geography | Spanish |



The options subjects that you
take will depend on the **choices**
that **YOU** make



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Spanish



How do I make the right choices?



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Take your time! Remember:



- Discuss your subject choices with subject teachers, parents/carers and your form tutor
- Fill out the form carefully remembering to allocate RESERVE choices as directed
- Ask a parent/carer to check your form
- Only submit your form when you are certain of your choices – changes to forms cannot be made once submitted
- Remember to submit your completed form by 4pm on **Monday 20 April** at the latest
- **A course will only run if sufficient students opt for it. In the event of oversubscription, a student's reserve choice will be taken into consideration together with the relevance of the subject to stated career aspirations and a discussion with teachers and the house team.**



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How to choose your options:



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English



Dashboard *Homepage and Launchpad*



Period	Subject	Mark
Tutor Time	Tutor Group	✓
PM	Tutor Group	✓

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Clubs & Trips
Mya's upcoming club & trips

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Date	Description	Status
25/03/25		
23/03/25		
18/03/25		
18/03/25		
16/03/25		

Homework
Does Mya have homework? More

DueDate	Name	Status
30/03/2025 23:59:00	Science Tassomai Homework	Created
31/03/2025 20:00:00	SPARX Reader	Created
02/04/2025 23:59:00	Healthy Living	Created

Options More

Setup Name	Timeframe	Status	View Only
Year 08 Options 2025	27/03/2025 - 20/04/2025	New	Editable



- Announcements
- Attendance
- Behaviour and Achievement
- Exam Timetables
- Homework
- Parents Evening
- Timetable
- Academic Calendar
- Clubs
- Options**



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What is a career?



An individual's progression through learning and work

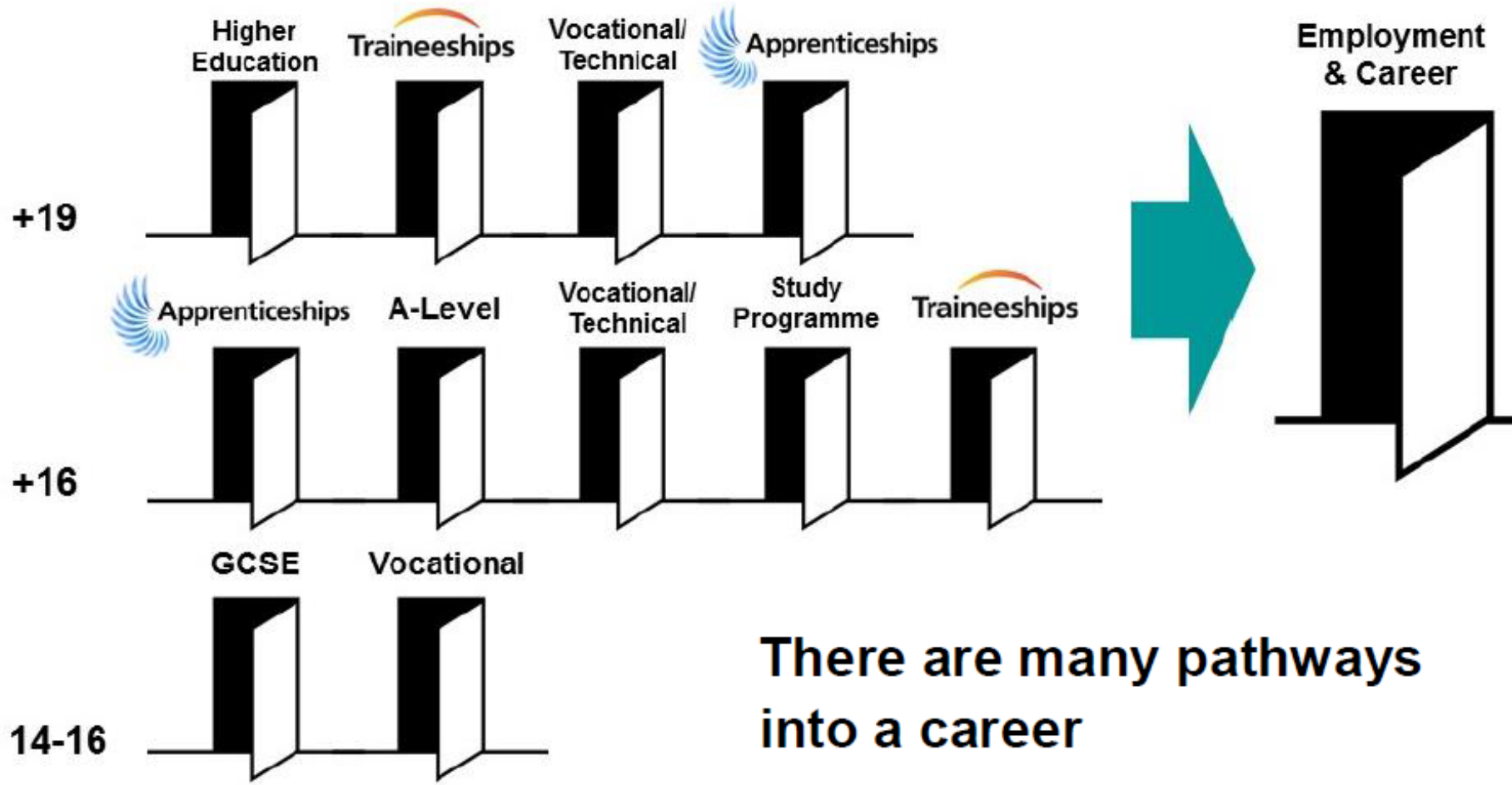


Individuals will have 10 or more jobs, and probably at least one change of occupation



Career education aims to enable individuals to become effective planners and managers of their own careers in a rapidly changing world of learning and work





**There are many pathways
into a career**

**There are no
'right' or 'wrong'
ways, or 'better'
or 'worse'. Just
a way to get to
your chosen
career.**

The changing employment market



- New and traditional occupations
- Competitive job market
- Technology and data skills
- Green jobs
- Healthcare and social care
- Flexible careers



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Top 8 skills of the future



Digital skills



Communication



Critical thinking
and problem
solving



Continuous
learning and
adaptability



Emotional
intelligence



Teamwork and
collaboration



Time
management
and organization



Empathy and
cultural diversity



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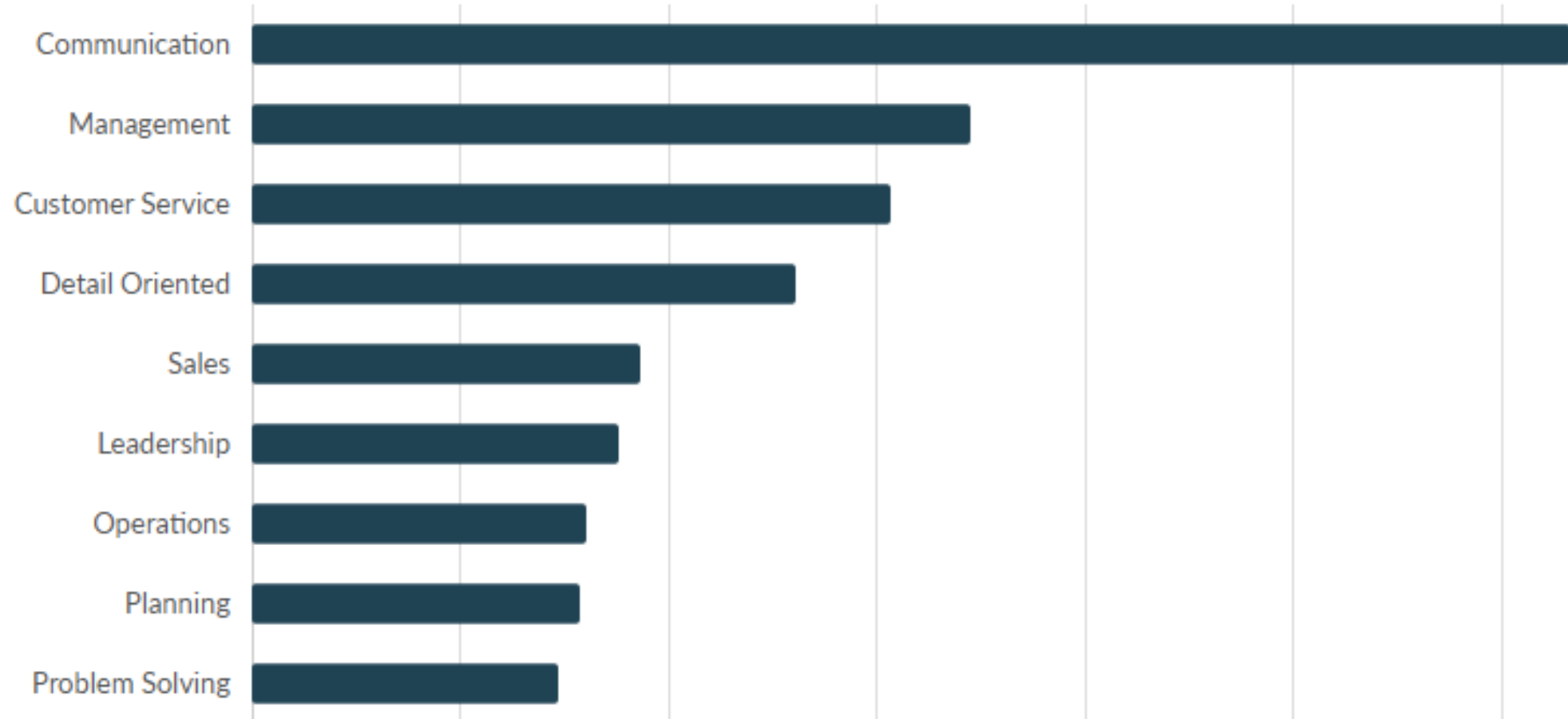


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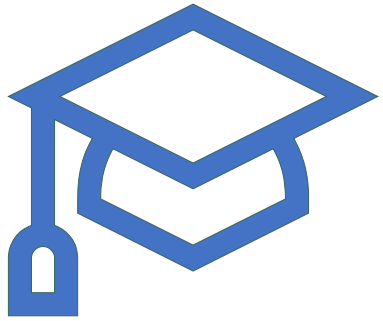
Job Adverts: *Top Common Skills*



Job Adverts: Most advertised jobs

Occupation	Total/Unique (Apr 2025 - Jun 2025)	Posting Intensity	Median Posting Duration
Tractor-Trailer Truck Driver	515 / 245	2 : 1 	23 days
Registered Nurse	550 / 188	3 : 1 	27 days
Janitor / Cleaner	290 / 158	2 : 1 	20 days
Home Health Aide	292 / 139	2 : 1 	27 days
Preschool / Childcare Teacher	302 / 136	2 : 1 	27 days
Warehouse Worker	251 / 135	2 : 1 	24 days
Teacher Assistant	279 / 130	2 : 1 	30 days
Office / Administrative Assistant	175 / 116	2 : 1 	16 days
Physician	163 / 103	2 : 1 	22 days
Sales Representative	161 / 102	2 : 1 	16 days
Customer Service Representative	178 / 101	2 : 1 	18 days
Retail Sales Associate	247 / 100	2 : 1 	20 days
Healthcare Administrator	226 / 95	2 : 1 	30 days
Caregiver / Personal Care Aide	215 / 93	2 : 1 	28 days
Forklift / Pallet Jack Operator	152 / 90	2 : 1 	20 days

Careers Education at Lincroft



- What do we offer at Lincroft?
 - Help with immediate choices
 - Preparation for working life and further study
 - Access to information, advice and guidance
 - Access to support for developing career management skills, employability skills and independent learning skills



Meridian Career Pathways



[Meridian Pathways \(meridiantrust.co.uk\)](http://meridiantrust.co.uk)

Get Started



Activities



Meridian Career Pathways

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New gradings:

Qualifications:

Core subjects (compulsory):

What are optional subjects?:

The impact of subject choices:

Conversation Starters

Do you ever struggle to start conversations with your child about their future? These conversation starters will help you to engage with your child in a way that will inspire their thinking and encourage them to explore different opportunities.

Try out the 5 discussion prompts below to generate useful conversations.

1. What subjects are you enjoying most at school? Why are you enjoying these subjects the most? What subjects have you not been enjoying? Why do you think you have not enjoyed these subjects? Tell each other about your most enjoyed school subjects and the ones you like/liked least... Also consider what subjects your child is good at? What are their favourite subjects? What subjects do they really dislike?



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To finish...



Year 8 Options Evening March
2026 Feedback Form



- Choose options subjects that you enjoy
- Think about what you want to do when you're older
- What skills and qualities do you need?
- Are you interested in any of the growing industries mentioned previously?
- Would you prefer something hands on and practical or more academic subjects?
- Talk to your teachers, friends, family, parents...anyone you trust!



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Important links



Short Term

- Unifrog – <https://www.unifrog.org/>
- NCS – [Careers advice – job profiles, information and resources | National Careers Service](#)
- Prospects – <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/>
- iCould – <https://icould.com/>
- Careerometer – <http://www.lmiforall.org.uk/widget/>
- Career Pilot – <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/>
- Success at School – <https://successatschool.org/>

Long Term

- Apprenticeships
 - <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/real-stories/apprentice>
 - <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-parents-guide-to-apprenticeships>
- Further education
 - UCAS – <https://wwwucas.com/>
 - What uni? – <https://www.whatuni.com/>
 - Best course 4 me – <http://www.bestcourse4me.com/>

