

Benchmark One – A Stable Careers Programme:

Careers Enterprise Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) is delivered as part of the Life Matters programme at King Edwards. Each year you will complete various lessons (50 minutes in length) on careers related topics. These are usually lessons provided on the Unifrog platform. In Yr7 you are encouraged to complete research into employment skills and begin to think about what career path you might like to pursue. You will also have a meaningful encounter with the world of work. The idea of careers skills and research is developed further in Yr8 and Yr9. In Yr8 and Yr9 you will receive 1:1 support and guidance from the KEVI Careers team to help them make the right choices in the various subject options you are offered. In Yr9 you will take part in an enterprise day. In Yr10 you are encouraged and supported to plan your own work experience. In Yr11 you receive independent CEIAG from a company the school pays for careers support; as well as 1:1 support sessions with members of the KEVI careers team to help you make the right post 16 choices for you. Some Yr11s also take part in mock interviews with the help of outside agencies and their form tutors. In Yr12 you complete more work experience and in Yr13 there is more support from the careers team in helping you make the right post 18 choices. There are university visits and outside speakers invited in to discuss apprenticeships, money management, employment skills and interview tips.

Benchmark Two – Learning from Career and Labour Market Information:

King Edward VI pays the Unifrog Company to provide up to date and relevant careers information on its platform. You can access Unifrog from anywhere in the world! It will give you information on all kinds of things such as how much you will earn in specific careers, what university courses need what A Level grades and what apprenticeships there are in the local area. If you don't know what careers you might be interested in it will also help you there; you can complete questionnaires and it will suggest career routes you might not have thought about. You will receive around 4 -5 Unifrog lessons each year in your Life Matters lessons, but you have your login so can access and update your profile etc. whenever you want. If you are not sure how to access Unifrog look at the Unifrog display for help or ask your form teacher.

AS well as Unifrog there is also the government website: National Careers Service. This has similar content to Unifrog and can be accessed from the link on the careers page of the King Edward VI website.

Benchmark Three – Addressing the needs of each pupil:

King Edward VI has a careers team to help you at each transition stage of education you experience. The careers team includes Miss Mee, Miss Tickell, Mr Lomas, Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Williams, Miss Murphy, Miss Featherstone and Miss Lawton. For example Mr Lomas helped you when you first started at King Edward VI coming into your primary school in Yr6 and introducing himself and discussing your needs with your Yr6 teachers. Along with Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Williams, he will do the same again when you begin to think about your post 16 choices in Yr11. When you take your GCSE and Level 2 BTEC options in Yr8 and Yr9 you will also have 1:1 support from Miss Mee, Miss Tickell and other members of the careers team. Miss Murphy, Miss Featherstone and Mrs Lawton will offer specific advice in relation to the various subjects they teach. We are all here to help you and if you have any questions just come and ask any of us!

Benchmark Four – Linking Curriculum Learning to Careers:

At King Edward VI we are developing careers based lessons in your various curriculum studies. So at some point you will get a Maths / English / Science / DT etc. lesson which explains all the different careers you can pursue in that subject. These tend to be given in Yr8 and Yr9 when you make choices about the subjects you wish to pursue at GCSE and Level 2 BTEC. You will also see other displays in classrooms and around the school corridors telling you about the various careers studying different subjects can lead to. If you want to know more just ask any of your teachers and they will be able to help you, or ask a member of the King Edwards Career Team!

Benchmark Five – Encounters with employers and employees:

This will happen at least once a year at King Edward VI. You will find that when you go on a visit you will get the various guest speakers telling you about how they got their job and what it is like to work in their environment. You will also see this happening when guests come into school. You will also get the opportunity to talk to employees if you decide to complete work experience in Yr10.

Benchmark Six – Experiences of work places:

Experiences of places of work will mainly happen if you decide to pursue work experience; this is offered in Yr10. But it is up to you to arrange your own work experience. You will also get other opportunities to experience work places on various visits you will make during your time in the lower school.

Benchmark Seven – Encounters with Further and Higher Education:

In Yr11 you will begin to look at your Post 16 options; this involves making a choice about whether to stay on at King Edward VI or take a different path. You also have to choose whether to do the traditional route of A Levels, or Level 3 BTEC's or get involved with your chosen career path straight away and complete an apprenticeship. The careers team at school will help and guide you through this exciting time so you make the best decision for you!

Benchmark Eight – Personal Guidance:

This is given in Yr11 and again in the 6th form. King Edward VI employ Miss Green the entrust careers advisor to come into school every Tuesday and work with you to give you up to date and impartial careers guidance.