



'Careers are now increasingly seen not as being 'chosen' but as being constructed through the series of choices about learning and work that people make throughout their lives.'
CICA

A key importance of schools is to prepare students to successfully transition towards a future career path. Therefore, we would like to provide students with some short careers activities they can do while at home to support them to make informed decisions about future subject choices and pathways. It is through making well informed choices, students can have a more optimistic outlook, a greater sense of purpose and a greater level of contribution towards their families and society.

Careers activities you can do while at home

All students

- Why not interview people at home or call a family friend, neighbour. Find out about their job, what it involves, how did they get into it? Did they go to university or take the apprenticeship route? What skills do they need? What do they enjoy the most or the least?
- Have you started to learn or develop a new skill while you've been at home? Perhaps you have been learning a new craft, started some home baking, learning a new language, taken up a gardening project or have you been doing something to help others in your community. These will all make your CV stand out in the future.
- Create a visual mood board of jobs/careers that interest you and spend some time researching them and finding out more about them.

Have a think about what jobs might not exist in 5 years time and what new jobs might people be looking at - use some of the websites below to help you with your research.

- Explore different career pathways using the A-Z of careers section on eClips at home <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/> - Brine Leas School has an annual license – the password unique to Brine Leas students only is CW57DY until November 2020.
- Access career support and guidance by watching the online interactive live broadcasts provided by The Cheshire and Warrington Pledge, part of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). The sessions are broadcast every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 am and last for 30-60 minutes. During the sessions, a range of Cheshire and Warrington based employers, universities, colleges and training providers will talk about careers, employability skills and training pathways. We would encourage students to schedule these sessions into their week and where possible watch these sessions live. The sessions will also remain on the site for 12 months and questions can be submitted after broadcast. For more information and to see the initial schedule of sessions visit: <https://learnliveuk.com/partner/cheshire-and-warrington-lep/>

Year 7, 8 and 9 students

- Have a look at the icould website – lots of ideas, real life videos of people talking about their jobs and an A – Z of careers. Why not take the buzz test to find out what your strengths are using the website <https://icould.com/buzz-quiz/>

Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students

- Get yourself employment ready, is your CV up to date? Employers are looking for both academic achievements as well as employability skills. Remember to include any work experience, volunteering, responsibilities you have had during both school as well as outside of education. Highlight skills such as team work, IT skills, creative skills, communication skills, flexibility, organisation, problem solving.
- Undertake 'Virtual work experience'. Barclays Lifeskills are offering virtual work experience on <https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/> Students can start to develop their employability skills, identify their skills and interests.