

Testimonials

Students

Employability day gave me an idea about what an actual interview may be like, and the sort of questions I may be asked!

Gave me some other options of pathways available when I leave school.

Interacting with others about different career pathways. I liked using Kudos.

Gave us first-hand experience.

We got told things we didn't know about and we got prepared for the interviews in the future and what we should expect. We also got told things about the apprenticeships.

It was interesting to find out about all the different jobs in the healthcare industry.

Teachers

I think outside speakers raise the profile and make the students feel it is more important.

It's very important to give our students first-hand experience of work places and job interviews.

We have massively raised the profile of careers. It's important that we increase the employability of our students giving them the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the wider world.

Employers

I liked that they had a selection of jobs to choose from. I think 15 mins per slot was great, it held their attention, was close to a realistic interview of those job types and it gave good time for feedback at the end.

Your pupils were an absolute pleasure to speak to; very attentive, engaging and very polite. If you could pass on my thanks to the year 9 head of year, they were a credit to school

Better than previous years in so much as I felt less rushed and had time, not only to write down feedback, but also to go through it with them face to face before they left.

An excellent activity, well organised and left me feeling positive about the contribution I made to the school and its students.

It was a great day thank-you. I thought the quality of student that I interviewed was really very high.

Parents

Careers support at St. Aidan's is excellent. Both of my daughters have spoken to me about 'career of the week' in form time. I had no idea that such a wide range of apprenticeships were available nowadays!

I attended the Careers Fair with my eldest, which I believe is held annually. As well as the careers information at this evening, my daughter enjoyed speaking with the representatives from local colleges and 6th forms.

The links with local 6th forms and colleges at St. Aidan's is fantastic. From information talks to help with the application forms and interview practice, my daughter felt supported throughout her time in Year 10 & 11.

I was very appreciative in the support she received in finding a work experience placement during Year 10. She got a lot out of the week and it helped her enormously when choosing which A- levels to take. In fact, by the time she had her 1:1 careers interview, she had already begun to formulate her future plans.

Because careers advice is so well- embedded at St. Aidan's my youngest daughter (only in Year 8) is already talking to me about her option choices and the career she would like to follow.

I have noticed that many of my youngest daughter's teachers have included links to relevant careers in their lessons, and in the homework they set. This has definitely got my daughter thinking! I believe it really helps to motivate children when they get this level of insight into what could be waiting for them out there in the world!

Thank you, St. Aidan's!