



CAREERS AT D6A



Dixons Sixth Form Academy (D6A) careers programme aims to provide all students with high quality careers advice and guidance, access to employers, expert guidance and workplace experiences to support students in making informed and educated decisions about their options after College. The careers programme is an integral element of the Dixons Sixth Form curriculum and careers information is interleaved with subject specific content, this is detailed in subject and pastoral course plans. We are here to support students to make progress and move on to a higher level of qualification, employment or further training when they are ready to do so. They will be provided with unbiased information about potential next steps; high-quality, up-to-date and locally relevant careers guidance; and opportunities for encounters with the world of work.

Our commitment to careers provision extends beyond the legal minimum entitlement for students and is underpinned by the Gatsby framework with a commitment to meeting all eight benchmarks.

Support available to Students at D6A:

- Careers guidance appointments are available with Zehrah Shah our careers advisor zshah@dixons6a.com
- Students can arrange mock interviews for HE and employment with your progress tutor at any point in the year.



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- Tutors can offer advice on a range of possible options post A Levels including Higher Education, apprenticeship routes, gap year options, volunteering, study abroad and other work-based routes.
- Provide information on specific careers areas you may be considering.
- Use of the comprehensive D6A College Careers page, email, teams chats and tutorial notices
- Advertise jobs, apprenticeships, new courses and careers events via D6A College Careers page, Instagram, email, teams chats and tutorial notices,

We are always keen to hear from local/national employers, HE/FE and gap year providers who may be able to offer opportunities to our students. Feel free to email us at d6acareers@dixons6a.com

Careers Event:

- Speakers from a range of universities and industries will give presentations.
- The HE and Careers Fair in March for students to speak to HE providers and local/national employers,
- Universities and gap year organisations.
- Arrange trips to Higher Education conventions. (COVID restrictions permitting)
- Information about student finance.
- Speakers throughout the year.
- Contribute to the H.E evening for parents
- Mock employer interviews with Year 2
- All of Year 1
- All of Year 1 and Extended Diploma students complete a Work Experience
- Preparing for the World of Work talk for all vocational student

Methods of communicating careers and progression events and opportunities to students include:

- Bulletin and notices in tutorial chats
- Weekly Tutorial presentation



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- Sixth Form Open evening – pathways and careers
- Recruitment Interviews
- Why choose D6A
- Student life – preparation for life after Sixth form – campus, encourage independence, learner agreement, portal they take responsibility, concerns and commendations, exam information
- University and careers
- Admissions and applying
- UCAS support
- Parents HE information evening
- Careers and HE fair -
- Sixth Form Ambassadors
- Volunteering
- Work Experience
- Student Executive

Resources and facilities:

Resources for students

- Library - students have use of a well - stocked and up to date careers library with information about specific careers, university prospectuses and guides, employment information and up to date advertisements of current vacancies, information about careers conferences, open days, gap year and study abroad information.

- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

Prospects - Careers information and guidance – use this to find out more about different careers and what qualifications you would need to decide your next steps

- <https://www.ucas.com/>

UCAS - online HE application system, information and guidance.

- <https://futuregoals.co.uk/>

Future Goals – this website uses Labour Market information, as well as employers and employees from local businesses to give an insight to employment opportunities within different sectors, including how the subjects you study link with future career options.



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- <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

Amazing Apprenticeships – Apprenticeships explained – what are you looking for?

- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

National Apprenticeship Service - search for apprenticeship vacancies or register for alerts and to apply.

- <https://wearencs.com/find-programme>

NCS - a chance to embark on exhilarating challenges, make your mark and build skills for work and life.

- <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/home>

National Careers Service - a range of flexible contact channels - phone, email, webchat and SMS - providing information, advice and guidance relating to decisions on learning, training and work.

- <https://careemap.co.uk/careemag-students-teachers/>

Careemap - a magazine connecting students and their parents with helpful information about careers and qualifications, employability skills and CV writing.

- <https://www.coursesonline.co.uk/how-to-become/>

Courses Online - guides covering what a role entails, the required qualifications, potential earnings etc.

Resources for parents

- <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/>

- [Advice for Parents when helping Young People plan their future](#)

- <https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/advice-for-parents/parents-what-you-need-to-know-about-student-finance>

Student Finance - What Parents need to know

- <https://www.hepp.ac.uk/who-are-you/parents-carers/>

Higher Education Progression Partnership (HEPP) - resources for Student and Parents

Resources for career and labour market Information

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- <https://icould.com/>

iCould - Real stories to inspire your career

- <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>

Nomis - official Labour Market Statistics

- <https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

Office for National Statistics - Statistics about employment rates in a national picture.

- <https://russellgroup.ac.uk/for-students/school-and-college-in-the-uk/subject-choices-at-school-and-college/>

Informed Choices - a Russell Group Guide to making decisions about post-16 education

- <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/becoming-apprentice#>
- [Degree Apprenticeships - infographic](#)

Resources for staff

Careers Advisor – Zehrah Shah





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Careers Leader – Sadeia Afzal

Sadeia Afzal is the Careers Leader in College and is responsible for having oversight of careers. Please contact Sadeia by email at careers@dixons6a.com if you would like to get involved with facilitating or delivering any aspect of careers and work experience at Dixons Sixth Form or have any questions regarding the Careers and Work Experience.

Senior Leader Responsible for Careers – Sadeia Afzal

Sadeia Afzal is the senior leader responsible for monitoring the planning and delivery of the careers and work experience at D6A. Please contact Sadeia by email at safzal@dixons6a.com if you have any queries.

Useful Links:

The Library

These are some of the resources available in our library

<https://uk.accessit.online/dxn02/?servicelId=ExternalEvent&rISn=46&rKey=12976776>



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Information for employers

We are always looking to invite employers from different sectors to come in and work with our young people. If you are interested in hearing more about the opportunities that you could get involved in, please get in touch with our Careers Leader at careers@dixons6a.com

Dixons Sixth Destinations

We are committed to supporting all of our students, not only during their time with us at D6A, but also in their Post-18 options and beyond.

- 170 of the 2021 Leavers followed an A level Programme (3 or 4 A levels)
- 65 students progressed to RG Universities (64 followed A level programmes)
- 10 students progressed directly to medicine degrees
- 3 students progressed directly to dentistry degrees
- 3 students progressed to Oxford University

If you are an alumni of d6a and would like to come back to share your story, please get in touch with Sadeia Afzal by email at safzal@dixons6a.com we would love to hear from you and arrange for you to come back and speak to our current students.



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Confirmed Destination Type	Percentage of Cohort
Apprenticeship	1
Employment	<1
Gap Year	6
Higher Education	93
Unknown	<1

Alumni Stories

There is an alumni case study in each subject course information guide, which can be accessed via our website

Careers Plan

Half Term	Activity	Activity
1	Careers Interviews begin Vocational students start to find WEX	Mock Interviews Finalise UCAS applications Early UCAS application Personal Statement clinics
2		MMI/Oxbridge Interviews UCAS applications Personal Statement Clinics
3	YR 1 Introduction to Work Experience Work Experience week (Applied Science and H&SC)	YR 2
4		
5	Post 18 Options and research UCAS Registrations Personal Statements	
6	UCAS Exhibition	Final Destinations data tracked Results day planned



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Careers Education Review:

The careers provision at D6A is constantly under review and refinement. A formal, annual review takes place each August when we publish our Careers Programme for the academic year ahead.

The next annual review is scheduled for June 2022.

Downloads - coming soon

- [Careers and Dixons6a](#)
- [Careers Policy](#)
- [Careers Curriculum Subject - links to each subject curriculum plan](#)