

Aspirations and Careers Advice: Year 8

'Guidance/Counselling/Coaching/Care'

Careers Education Impartial Advice and Guidance is an important part of our 5 year Values curriculum. Our aim is to raise pupil awareness of the world of work and to equip them with the information and skills to be able to make good choices. Indeed we want to empower pupils to make the right choices for their post 16 education and beyond.

The school website has a lot of useful information and links to enable you to explore that various opportunities available. Throughout the year we will use the school newsletter, letters home and this webpage to keep you informed. Should you need any advice or help, please contact us:

Sharon Lord is our Values Co-ordinator and part of her role is to manage careers advice for all years. She is our **Careers Leader**.

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Tracey Chapman is our **Independent Careers Adviser**.

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Year 8 have been using 'Fast Tomato' at

www.fasttomato.com

In planners, pupils should have written their log on details. The system creates a profile about individual pupils based on a questionnaire and has help tabs to show pupils how to investigate courses post 16 and post 18, alongside career choices. It gives pupils career and education suggestions; if used well it can broaden horizons and support aspiration.

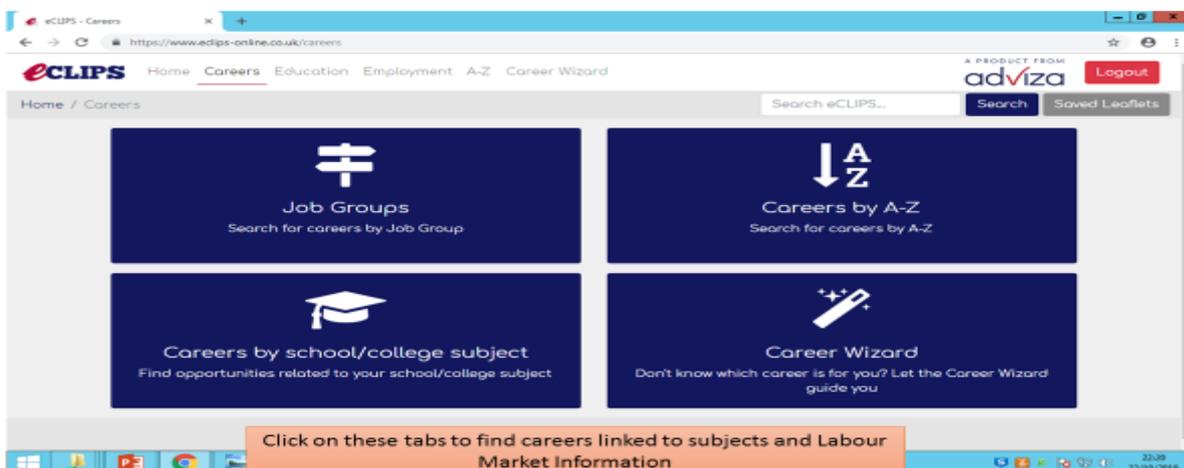
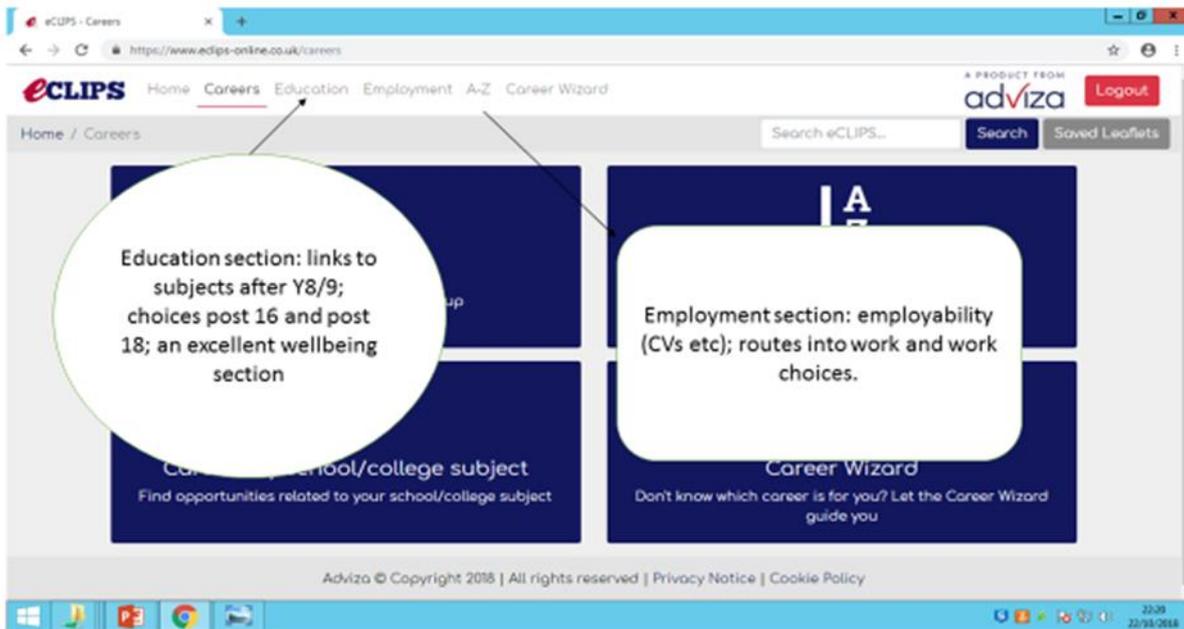
Of course Year 8 pupils are at the beginning of their journey into exploring post 16 progression. We encourage them to see this as an exciting time and to be open to look at a range of possibilities, linked to their futures post 16 and beyond.

Also you might want to look on <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

Click on Explore Careers twice and then enter a career or pick a job area. This will then bring up lots of jobs and you can click on the information to find out more (typical hours a week/average salary etc).

Explore choices and find Labour Market Information by using eClips. eClips is also a useful tool and can be accessed via PC, table or mobile phone www.eclips-online.co.uk

- Browse the site using the tabs at the top of the screen. Choose to explore different careers, education and employment options including live labour market information
- There is also a section under the education tab on Wellbeing
- Try using the Careers Wizard if you are not sure what job would suit you. It matches you to jobs/careers. Just click on the tab and answer a few short questions
 - Pupils who are finding the website difficult to use should call to see Tracey Chapman in the Careers Office on the English corridor on a Tuesday or Thursday, or should pop to see Mrs Ashton.

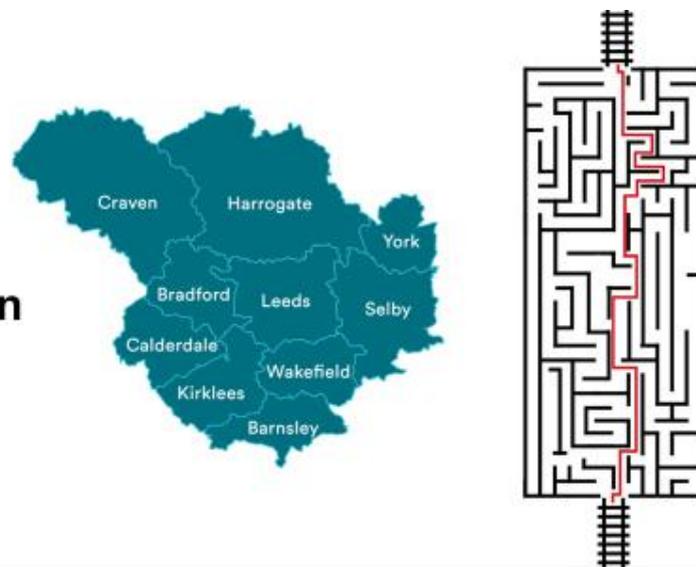




Futuregoals.co.uk

It's important to us that your child/children are prepared for their future and are given the right support, advice and inspiration to make informed choices about careers and training once they have left school. There are currently 126,000 businesses located in the Leeds City Region who all contribute to the Region being the largest economy in England outside of London and the South East.

Leeds City Region



Our region offers many job opportunities, especially in the manufacturing, engineering, construction and digital industries, where employers are currently finding it difficult to fill roles due to lack of people with the right skills.

To help our pupils gain the right training, skills and work experience to succeed in future employment, the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) are offering resources, activities and links to employers through the #futuregoals campaign. futuregoals.co.uk has been designed to encourage young people to think about the job opportunities available to them and what they need to do next to fulfil their #futuregoals. Discover what it's really like to work in the City Region's key industries and how these industries are constantly evolving, making the Region an exciting place to live, work and study.

As a school, we are dedicated to delivering career activities, enabling our pupils to meet with employers, learn about degree level apprenticeships, access information about university or college courses and gain the right transferable skills to succeed in employment. We'd like to encourage you and your child/children to take a look at the futuregoals website so that together we can give them the best start to future employment.

Get in touch if you want further support!