Year 10 Career Planning Help-Sheet

The earlier you start career planning, the more likely you are to make the right choices. If you are not sure about the career path you would like to follow or the career opportunities that are available when you leave school, follow these steps.
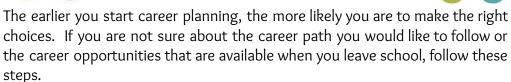
Step 1: Think about your abilities and interests. You can use some careers websites to help you.

Website 1: Xello

- Go to login.xell.co.uk.   Login using your c2ken login and password. Complete the Matchmaker quiz in About me to find a range of jobs which may suit your skills.
- You can also complete the other tasks in About Me.

Website 2: Careers Service website at www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers

- This website has comprehensive information in video and written form and numerous links to sites for further support.
- Click on "Careers Online Support" and work through the different sections such as "A-Z Careers." This section enables you to read about different job families and research individual careers: the video clips are excellent.

Website 3: www.icould.com :

- To explore careers, browse career videos, check out links between subject choice and career and get help making decisions.

Step 2: Once you have decided on the job family, job, course or subject area that interests you it is important to read relevant literature and visit websites.

- As you become better informed about the job or course you should be able to describe the entry requirements (including relevant subjects), skills required and learn about professional bodies etc.

- Subject teachers will be happy to suggest useful websites describing careers related to the study of their subject.

- *A Google search often brings positive results eg careers + history*

❖ There are many very good websites for careers in STEM subjects:
  - www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk/
  - www.futuresinengineering.com/
  - www.rsc.org/   Royal Society of Chemistry
  - https://bringitonni.co.uk/

❖ Website for information on careers using Modern Languages:
  - https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/modern-languages

❖ Website for information on careers in the NHS include:
  - https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/

Alternatively, contact someone already working in the sector and ask them about their job. Most people will be happy to flag up the positive and negative aspects of their job.

Think about the ways you can acquire new skills and develop those that you already have. There are so many school activities that provide excellent opportunities for you to develop vital transferable skills like teamwork, ICT skills, communication etc.

Important Things To Note: