

Careers Provision Information for Parents



Year 9

It is never too early for your child to start thinking about their future, whether it's about what options they will choose at the end of KS3 or what college they may attend at the end of KS4. Throughout their time at Hummersknott, they will have some big decisions to make. Don't worry we are here to support you every step of the way!

There are many ways you and your son/daughter can access support and information, about making choices on their future. Based in the LRC, Hummersknott have a dedicated Careers team ready to help you both through your child's careers journey. Do not hesitate to contact us, if you have any questions or queries. Your son/daughter's College Manager and Form tutor can also help you get in touch with us:

Head of Careers:	Miss C Tindale (atd@hummersknott.org.uk)
Life Skills Co-Ordinator:	Mrs Amanda Calloway (zcw@hummersknott.org.uk)
Careers Advisor:	Cath Gibbins Careerwave

The LRC is also home to a Careers library, filled with information on career pathways, making decisions etc. There is also a wide and varied selection of prospectus for Colleges and Universities available for your child to browse at their own leisure.

How can you help?

It may sound obvious, but listen to your child and support their ideas. Over their time at Hummersknott they may change their career ideas on a monthly or even weekly basis, this does not matter, the fact they are thinking about their future is the important factor.

There are lots of useful websites that can be accessed to help you through the process; these are detailed later in the booklet. If these websites do not answer your questions, do not hesitate to contact our team.



How is Careers delivered?

Careers is delivered through Life Skills Lessons every Friday morning. Along with PSHE & Citizenship, there may be opportunities such as performances, guest speakers to compliment the lesson.

Why is Year 9 Important?

During year 9, important decisions will need to be made about the future—options. They will have to decide which subjects to study at GCSE. The process starts in January, a Life Skills session will be dedicated to explaining the process and options to your child. Further to this, you will be invited to attend an options evening. An important evening, which showcases the subjects your son/daughter, can potentially opt for. It is important to attend this evening, as there are subjects offered that are not taught in KS3. This evening will provide you with lots of information; allowing you both to make an informed choice. More details to follow.

A counselling appointment will also be available, during February. This is an opportunity for your child to talk through ideas and the choices with a senior member of staff. This appointment will be held in school during the school day with the student.

The whole process may seem daunting at times; however we are here to support at every step of the way!

Key Dates:

- **Annual Careers Fayre: Tuesday 30th September 2025, 9.00am-1.05pm (students only)**
- **Options Evening: 28th January 2026, 5.30pm-7.30pm**
- **Counselling weeks: W/C 9th February to 20th February 2026 (2 weeks)**



LMI—Labour Market Information

Labour Market Information (LMI), information on the world of work, allows us to gain knowledge and understanding on how the labour market functions. Such as reflecting upon what the future may have in store and how this may impact upon certain jobs. Also, thinking about where certain jobs may be more prevalent, geographically wise.

It is important our pupils take into account LMI- thinking about which sectors are up and coming and which maybe in decline- this way they can think about which skills they may want to develop, to give them the best opportunity.

Career and LMI includes information on:

- skills, career pathways and progression routes in the local labour market;
- job applications and interviews;
- educational institutions, courses, qualifications, entry requirements and costs;
- professional bodies;
- employment sectors, employers, jobs, salaries and employment trends;
- jobs, training and apprenticeships;
- job demands and working life.

Throughout their time at Hummersknott, pupils will explore all of the above information within their lessons, from time and lifeskills days. As parents it can also be valuable for us to explore this information with our children, to help them prepare and make informed choices about their future.

Below are some useful websites that may be of help:

LMI for all: <https://www.lmiforall.org.uk/>

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

This government tool: <https://www.gov.uk/courses-qualifications>

National Careers Service: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Labour Market Information – What is it?

LMI includes reports, studies, statistics and other information about:



Useful websites:



General

The National Careers Service:

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

Apprenticeships: www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/

Darlington Council: <https://www.darlington.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/>

Start: www.startprofile.com

The Army: www.army.mod.uk/join/

The Royal Air Force (RAF): www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/

The Royal Navy: www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers

Darlington Colleges

Darlington College: www.darlington.ac.uk/

QE: www.qeliz.ac.uk

Carmel College: www.carmel.org.uk

Other Colleges in the North East

Durham 6th Form College: www.durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk

Stockton Riverside College: www.stockton.ac.uk

Middlesbrough College: www.mbro.ac.uk

Bishop Auckland College: www.bacoll.ac.uk

New College Durham: www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk

Gateshead College: www.gateshead.ac.uk

Newcastle College: www.ncl-coll.ac.uk

Specialist Colleges

Northern School of Art: www.northernart.ac.uk

Academy of Music & Sound: www.academyofmusic.ac.uk

Askham Bryan College (Agriculture/Land/Farming/Animals): www.askham-bryan.ac.uk

East Durham Houghall Campus (Agriculture/Land/Farming/Animals): www.eastdurham.ac.uk