

Careers Education at Cedar

Autumn 1 Newsletter

Secondary Department

Welcome to the New School Year!

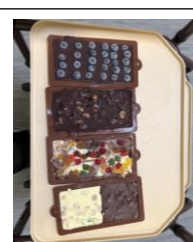
The Secondary Department at Cedar follows a Careers Programme that aims to provide a wide range of opportunities to experience the skills needed into adulthood and in the workplace. Through a curriculum that blends vocational learning, enterprise activities, workplace experiences, and life skills development, we ensure our pupils are inspired, prepared, and supported for the next stage of their journey. Our ultimate vision is that every learner leaves our school with a sense of purpose, self-belief, and the skills they need to thrive in adulthood – whatever path they choose. During the 5th week of every half term our department enjoys Careers Week and each one has a different focus. Following this, we will send you a newsletter that celebrates some of our learning and some ideas of how you can help at home.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Employability Skills	Enterprise and Work Experience	Post 16 and beyond	Employability Skills	The Labour Market	Enterprise and Work Experience

We focus on 8 core skills during our Careers Weeks and as these develop, they are a part of every lesson, every day. These skills are: **Speaking and Listening**, **Problem Solving and Creativity**, **Staying Positive and Aiming High**, **Leadership and Teamwork**.

What we have been up to this half term: Employability Skills

Thanks to the Solent Careers Hub, we have connected with Ductu, an organisation who enables socially responsible employers, to interact and influence disadvantaged and disabled students to enable some of our Year 11 children to spend a morning at Costco touring the store and talking to employees from all the different departments to find out what they did there and the skills they needed to be successful in their jobs! The children in Diamond worked on their Team Building and Problem-Solving skills during Discovery Day. Emerald class had a great time exploring different job roles in familiar environments. Amethyst created new healthier chocolate bars through working on their creativity and teamwork skills. Sapphire worked on their listening skills through a variety of real life, workplace-based activities where listening is vital!



Next half term:

Enterprise and Work Experience:

Every year at the Christmas Extravaganza, each class in the Secondary Department plans, costs, makes and sells products to raise money for the school and learn all about Enterprise. We hope you are able to come this year on the 16th of December and see what we have made!

What you can do to help:

At home you can work on our 8 core skills too by doing things like: **Speaking and listening:** Encourage your child to communicate with others when out and about **Problem Solving:** Guide them through real-life problems using step-by-step thinking e.g. "What's the problem? What can we try?" **Creativity:** Support and encourage thinking outside the box **Staying Positive and Aiming High:** Model resilience when striving for goals by showing how to handle setbacks with a positive attitude **Leadership and Teamwork:** Give them responsibilities suited to their abilities, like helping with small chores or leading an activity and feeding back to others in the family