

Copleston High School: Careers Programme 2026-27

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
		8/02 National Apprenticeship week 1/03 National Careers Week	
7	Unifrog introduction Copleston Careers Fair	Careers and Cake Lunchtime Talks National Apprenticeship Week & National Careers Week – Inspiration Assemblies	Inspiration assemblies
BASE	Who Inspires You? Start of Black History Month - Inspirational black figures from UK history. Focus on Malorie Blackman Considering the skills and interests which might inform future career choices.	Inspirational people in History Case study: Barack Obama Challenging gender stereotypes in the workplace Inspirational people in Sports Case study: Marcus Rashford Considering the skills and interests which might inform future career choices.	What do you want to be? 'Focus on Careers' week Inspirational people in Business and Politics Case study: Baroness Amos Mock Interviews
PSHE	What is careers and what does this mean for me? What can employers do to provide equal opportunity? Employability- what does this mean and why does it matter?		Work related learning: Why is it important to encourage equality & diversity?
8	Copleston Careers Fair Open evenings and information evenings for parents, carers and students	Careers and Cake Lunchtime Talks National Apprenticeship Week & National Careers Week – Inspiration Assemblies	Assembly – Technical and Vocational Education

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BASE	Where am I now? Target setting and hopes for the future Roles of different people in the wars – link to careers in armed forces. Roles of women during the wars and in the armed forces today. Who Inspires You? Start of Black History Month - Inspirational black figures from UK history. Focus on Mary Seacole – what did she achieve and why was it difficult?	Focus on a sportsperson and how they achieved success in their career and overcame obstacles. Jesse Owens – consideration of what qualities he had that made him successful Gender inequality in employment Considering jobs that are now obsolete and jobs that haven't been invented yet. Pathways activities: About me – looking at skills, considering careers and understanding the pathways available	What do you want to be? 'Focus on Careers' week Mock Interviews & interview preparation Inspirational people in Business and Politics - Case Study: Sidiq Khan
PSHE	What is careers and what does this mean for me? Employability- what does this mean and why does it matter? Pathways: What makes good options choices?		Pathways: Options preparation
9	Careers and Cake Lunchtime Talks Inspiration Assemblies Copleston Careers Fair	Careers and Cake Lunchtime Talks National Apprenticeship Week & National Careers Week – Inspiration Assemblies and Activities	Assembly – Technical and Vocational Education
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	Roles of different people in the wars – link to careers in armed forces. Careers in science and whether there is already a gender imbalance. Looking at female role models in science.	What subjects do you enjoy? How might these translate to a career?	
PSHE	What is careers and what does this mean for me?	What can employers do to provide equal opportunity in the workplace?	Careers information and guidance- Where do I go from here and what is available?
10	Work Experience preparation and guidance Open evenings and information evenings for parents, carers and students Copleston Careers Fair Inspiration Assemblies	Work Experience preparation and guidance Unifrog Training Careers and Cake Lunchtime Talks National Apprenticeship Week & National Careers Week – Inspiration Assemblies and Activities	Work Experience w/c 21st June Assembly – Technical and Vocational Education
BASE	Where am I now? Target setting and hopes for the future Who Inspires You? Start of Black History Month - Inspirational black figures from UK history. Focus on Baroness Lawrence Careers-related quizzes	Claudia Jones – question about difficulties she faced in seeking employment Considering character traits important for a career of choice Challenge - Improving an application letter The Gender Pay Gap	Work Experience preparation and reflection Inspirational people in business: Case Study: Edward Eninnful Mock Interviews

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	Considering employers to approach for work experience	Case study: Nobel Prize Winner Tu Youyou	
11	6th form taster sessions Open evenings and information evenings for parents, carers and students Copleston Careers Fair Extended slot Inspiration Assemblies 1:1 Careers Guidance Interviews	Careers and Cake Lunchtime Talks National Apprenticeship Week & National Careers Week – Inspiration Assemblies Apprenticeships and Technical Qualifications – Options Assemblies 1:1 Careers Guidance Interviews	Assembly – Technical and Vocational Education 1:1 Careers Guidance Interviews
Tutor Time	Year 11 follow a separate programme of subject-based intervention during tutor time. They are placed into subject forms based on which subjects they might need extra support in. The forms change during the year to reflect changing needs of students.	Tutor time also incorporates a programme of activities to explore the post-16 opportunities available to them. They have A level subject taster sessions in our Sixth Form area and receive information about other routes outside of our Sixth Form.	Their assemblies often overlap with The BASE topics being covered by the main school, allowing them to revisit some of the key issues they covered in Years 7-10.
12	Copleston Careers Fair Extended slot Careers and Cake lunchtime talks	Careers and Cake Lunchtime Talks Higher Level Apprenticeship Assembly Applying to Competitive Universities UCAS process presentation	Next Steps Evening for students and parents/carers Apprenticeships, World of work and Higher Education
APEX	Careers, skills and future goals UCAS Applications	Gender equality in career choices Choosing a university UCAS & CVs	UCAS and CVs Target setting Reflections and looking ahead

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	Half term Apex focus: CVs, interviews, post-18 options Exploring careers and education pathways Action plans and target setting		
Enrichment	CV writing and applications The selection process	Personal statements and CVs Job descriptions and person specifications Profiling, aptitude testing, assessment centres and interview skills	What comes next? University and Apprenticeship options Research and preparation for post-18 next steps
13	Oxbridge application workshops Careers talk - Higher and Degree Apprenticeships Copleston Careers Fair Extended slot	Careers and Cake Lunchtime Talks University preparation drop-in sessions	
APEX	Target setting Interview skills Labour market information UCAS applications	Gender equality and the pay gap The digital footprint of a career	Reflections and looking ahead
Enrichment	Research and planning Pathways: University and UCAS, employment and apprenticeships.		