



Careers Newsletter: Autumn Term 1



Imagine it's 2045. What jobs do you think will exist? What careers might be available that haven't even been invented yet? Most importantly, what skills will young people need to succeed in an ever-changing world?

For our current Year 7 students, this is not a distant future. In 2045, they will be turning 30 and building careers of their own. Last week, we hosted our Year 7 Careers Workshop in the hall, encouraging students to think about the future of work and explore the skills that employers are increasingly looking for, including communication, creativity, problem-solving, adaptability and teamwork. It was fantastic to see students engaging thoughtfully with these important questions and beginning to consider their future aspirations.

An Exciting Start to Careers Education This Year

This term has seen a strong start to our careers programme, with a range of activities designed to help students explore future pathways, develop key employability skills, and make informed decisions about their next steps. Many of these activities contribute directly to the nationally recognised Gatsby Benchmarks for good careers guidance.



Unifrog Launch for Year 7

We have successfully launched Unifrog with Year 7 students during their Computing lessons, providing them with access to a comprehensive careers and destinations platform. Parents were also informed about the launch so they can support their child in exploring future options at home.

Unifrog allows students to investigate career pathways, university courses, apprenticeships and labour market information, helping them develop an understanding of the opportunities available to them.

Work Experience Launch for Year 10

This term we officially launched the Year 10 Work Experience Programme. Work experience plays a vital role in helping students understand workplace expectations, build confidence, and gain valuable insights into different industries. We look forward to supporting Year 10 students as they secure placements and prepare for this important milestone.

Future Skills Questionnaires

Students in Years 7, 11 and 13 have completed our Future Skills Questionnaires, allowing them to reflect on their current strengths and identify areas for personal development. These questionnaires help students understand the transferable skills that employers value and provide useful information that can support future careers' guidance and planning.

Bringing Careers to Life

Throughout the term, students have had opportunities to hear directly from professionals and explore different pathways:

- Students accessed online labour market and careers information through sessions including Transport for London and Get Into Law, helping them learn about different sectors and routes into employment.
- Students studying Media, Business and PE engaged with a careers-focused session involving Gabby Logan, gaining valuable insight from a successful professional working within the media industry.



Exploring Post-16 and Post-18 Opportunities

Students in Years 8-11 attended assemblies delivered by Buckinghamshire College Group, providing information about further education pathways and helping students understand the wide range of opportunities available after secondary school.

Meanwhile, our careers adviser has continued to provide individual guidance and support, particularly for students in Years 11, 12 and 13, including careers action planning and one-to-one guidance meetings.

Developing Skills for Success

One of our key aims is ensuring that students leave school equipped not only with qualifications but also with the skills employers need. Through careers lessons, workshops, employer encounters and guidance activities, students are developing:

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Problem-solving
- Resilience
- Creativity
- Leadership
- Adaptability

These skills will be just as important in 2045 as they are today, whatever career paths our students choose to follow.

Looking Ahead

We are proud of the positive start to careers education this year and look forward to building on this momentum during the remainder of the academic year. A huge thank you to all the employers, education providers, parents and staff who continue to support our students in preparing for their future careers.

A reminder that if you would like to get involved and support our careers provision at AVA, please contact us at careers@theacademy.me