What to Expect from your Career Guidance Interview?

At some point during your time at Cannock Chase High School, students will receive a careers guidance interview with Mrs Allen.

Mrs Allen has worked within Careers Information, Advice and Guidance since 2008 and has a Level 6 qualification relating to the field.

**What is the guidance interview for?**

Guidance interviews can be given at different stages and especially when decisions need to be made. It could be that students need support with what GCSE’s to choose, where to go after Year 11 or Year 13 for example or weighing up pros and cons of different paths. The labour market is constantly changing so it may be that students are encouraged to explore careers they haven’t even heard of before.

Mrs Allen also supports with CV writing, applications and preparation for interviews.

**Will my child be told what to do?**

No. Our CIAG Manager is impartial and will explore ALL options that are relevant. A range of questioning techniques are used to ascertain students' aspirations and reasons behind their choices to ensure they are making the right choice for them and their future.  The information received is impartial and keeps the needs of each student at the heart of the guidance given.

Students will get asked a variety of questions but for the most part these will be open questions starting with ‘why’, ‘where’ or ‘how’. This allows effective and helpful guidance to be given best suited to each student.

Parents and students often feel worried or nervous about the next steps, this is what Careers Advice is for. There isn’t an expectation that you have everything sorted – a careers guidance interview is usually the starting point for further exploration of ideas and pathways and will take time! An hour just isn’t enough for students to start making decisions about their future.

**Can parents attend careers guidance appointments?**

Yes. Parents are more than welcome to attend. Please contact Mrs Allen and she will make suitable arrangements.

**How long do careers guidance appointments last?**

This will vary depending on the year group of the student but typically between 30 minutes and an hour. Mrs Allen will inform students/parents of the timings at the time of booking/beginning of interview.

If there are any other questions, please contact Mrs Allen [h.allen@cannockchase-high.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:h.allen@cannockchase-high.staffs.sch.uk) or call 01543 502450