

A young woman with long brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a dark school blazer over a white shirt and a red and black striped tie, is looking thoughtfully to the right. She is in a classroom with rows of desks and chairs visible in the background. The text 'National Careers Week' is overlaid on the right side of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

National Careers Week

In 2025 it is all about YOU!!!

What is National Careers Week?

- It's a chance to focus on careers guidance and education
- It helps you to understand, realise and fulfill your career goals
- It helps you to feel confident about the future and focused on what you need to do now

Careers Guidance

- Careers Education and Guidance in school is meant to help you feel confident about your future. Happy in the knowledge that when you leave school, you will have made decisions about your education and learning that will have been right for you.

What do I need to learn?

Grow throughout life

Grow throughout life by learning and reflecting on yourself, your background, and your strengths.



Explore possibilities

Explore the full range of possibilities open to you and learn about recruitment processes and the culture of different workplaces.



Manage career

Manage your career actively, make the most of opportunities and learn from setbacks.



Create opportunities

Create opportunities by being proactive and building positive relationships with others.



Balance life and work

Balance your life as a worker and/or entrepreneur with your wellbeing, other interests and your involvement with your family and community.



See the big picture

See the big picture by paying attention to how the economy, politics and society connect with your own life and career.



KS3 – What should I be doing?

Reflect

What makes you, you? Think about what is important to you.

When you imagine the best version of you in the future, what do you see? Try a personality quiz.

Be Curious

Find out about people's jobs and careers. Start by asking the adults you know about what they do at work and how they ended up doing the jobs that they are doing.

Get Involved

You will only find out what you are good at by trying lots of new things.

Be okay with failing, be prepared to learn from mistakes

KS3 – What should I be doing?

Be Helpful

There are lots of opportunities in school to show people that you want to help. Your positive attitude will be remembered, and people are more likely to come to you with more ideas of what you can get involved with

Become an Entrepreneur

Raise funds for a charity that is doing work that you care about. Find ways to supplement your pocket money. Get ideas and help from adults that you trust.

Watch the news

News on the TV is more reliable than some of news sources you find online. Find out what is going on in the world around you, and talk to lots of people about it to get different views.

KS4 – What should I be doing?

Look for opportunities to gain experience

Experience of work will help you to develop skills. A part time job or volunteering is a great way to gain work experience. There are also virtual work experience schemes which school can direct you to.

Be mindful of your community

Look to help others to achieve. Your family, your friends and your school can all benefit from your time and your attention. Involve them in what you want to achieve and be involved in helping them.

Learn about the issues that shape your world

There are some organisations and companies that understand they have the power to do good work and look after their work force. Learn about how society works, globalisation, ethics and ethical behaviour.

What life after Lacon can look like?

You may decide to do A-levels, T-levels, an apprenticeship or vocational studies.

A- Levels: Advanced level qualifications are subject-based qualifications that can lead to university, further study, training, or work. You can normally study three or more A levels over two years. They're usually assessed by a series of examinations.

T-Levels: they are a two year qualification for 16-19 year olds designed in collaboration with employers. Each T Level is equivalent to 3 A Levels, with the aim to support the young person to develop their skills, knowledge and to thrive in the workplace.

Apprenticeship: they combine paid on-the-job training with classroom instruction to prepare workers for highly-skilled careers. Workers benefit from apprenticeships by receiving a skills-based education that prepares them for good-paying jobs.

Vocational studies: a vocational course is a training programme which focuses more on practical work, rather than traditional academic exams. The 'Vocational' part of the name refers to the fact that this course prepares you for a vocation - a particular skillset required in different types of jobs.

A few facts about careers at Lacon

Out of 100 students who leave Lacon at the end of year 11, in average, 3 fall out of education, it means that 97 of them go to a sixth form, a college or they start an apprenticeship.

Every teacher at Lacon wants YOU to be a happy, successful person, therefore if you have any specific questions related to careers within our subjects, come and ask us!

REMEMBER: Whatever your choice regarding life after Lacon will be, it is YOUR choice.

You will all have a chance to visit a college of YOUR choice in year 10.

You will ALL have meetings with an independent careers' advisor at the end of year 10 and in year 11.

Every year we organise a career's fair and invite colleges and employers to run assemblies, so you know what your options are.

You will build your knowledge of careers gradually, across KS3 and KS4, during PSHE lessons.

To get more information about your next move, please visit:

<http://lacon-childe.org.uk/curriculum/careers>

<https://ncw2025.co.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/list-of-qualification-levels>

<https://www.careersbox.co.uk/>

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/#>

<https://www.lmiforall.org.uk/cm2/>

Or simply talk to Mrs Koziel (your career' lead at Lacon) or your tutor, we are always here to help you 😊