

Measuring and assessing the impact of the careers programme on students

At Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School we believe it is very important to assess the impact of our careers programme on our students. We do this in a number of ways.

First, we identify and analyse the destinations of our Year 11 and 13 students taking into account their prior attainment. For Year 11 students, we record pathways including:

- Level 2 courses
- Level 2 apprenticeships
- Level 3 courses
- Level 3 apprenticeships

Analysis of destinations to ensure that we promote equality of opportunity. Additionally, analysis ensures our advice is relevant to the current jobs market as well as to predicted areas of job sector growth.

The proportion of students going onto Level 3 courses or apprenticeships is tracked over time, taking into account changes in the attainment level of year groups at the end of Key Stage 2. For Year 13 students we identify and analyse whether students:

- go onto higher education and the range of courses being studied and the universities/colleges being attended
- go onto an apprenticeship and whether it is at Intermediate, Advanced or Higher level

For example, in 2020-2021 81% of our students went to their first or 2nd choice university with a further 15% going into employment.

Secondly, we track students for three years from the end of Year 11, identifying and reviewing where students leave or change courses/apprenticeships.

Thirdly, we are very keen to get the views of students on the Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) they received during their five or seven years at Cardinal Wiseman\ school. We ask all Year 11 and 13 students to complete an on-line survey to find out their views on individual elements of the CEIAG programme and their overall assessment of the programme. Students also complete an evaluation of their independent career consultations at the conclusion of a session.

In addition, our Enterprise Advisor (a business volunteer who will be supporting the school develop its careers provision), will meet representative groups of Year 11 and 13 students to find out more about what they liked and disliked about the careers programme and ways they believe it can be improved.

Fourthly, we value the views of parents on how well we have helped them to support their child or children make rational informed career decisions. This is done using an on-line survey and parents are invited to provide their feedback to us.

Finally, business volunteers are asked for their feedback on each individual careers events that they take part in, such as 'I Love My Job' talks, a speed networking session or mock interviews. In addition, the school's Enterprise Advisers evaluate the careers programme from a business viewpoint and collate the views of other business volunteers.

