



STONYHURST

STONYHURST CAREERS  
PROGRAMME 2020/2021

CALENDAR OF KEY EVENTS  
LOWER GRAMMAR TO RHETORIC

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Stonyhurst provides a comprehensive programme of careers and higher education advice and guidance, which begins at Figures in St Mary's Hall and continues during the College from Lower Grammar through into Rhetoric.

We have ambitious plans for our students and make use of our contacts with universities, professions and OS network to deliver a thriving, supportive and beneficial programme. Use is made of the 'Start' online careers platform and of external agencies such as MyFutureChoice (for the MyCareerChoice & MyAptitude programmes with Syntax), ASK (for apprenticeship support) and Stonyhurst Link (to contact OS professionals worldwide).

The strategic planning of careers guidance within the school is developed in line with the '8 Gatsby Benchmarks of Good Career Guidance' found within the DfE Careers Statutory Guidance document (2018)

All careers guidance provided is presented in an impartial way and shows no bias to any particular route of study, course or career option.

## CHRISTMAS TERM

- Lower Grammar tutor meeting with careers providers

## EASTER TERM / START OF SUMMER TERM

- Career education PSICHE presentations to Lower Grammar on careers and GCSE choices
- Lower Grammarians are set up with their 'Start' account and are encouraged to make use of the year 9 career resources available to them, particularly their 'start locker'.
- Tutors work with students on employability skills/soft skills through the 'Start' online platform
- 'CAREERFEST' morning
- Visit and presentation from Blackburn College covering GCSEs, alternative routes post-GCSEs, the world of work and apprenticeships

## SUMMER TERM

- Lower Grammar tutor groups visit the careers department
- Lower Grammar parents' weekend, subject and tutor interviews

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# GRAMMAR

## CHRISTMAS TERM

- Grammar tutor meetings with careers providers
- Grammarians are informed about and invited to attend career related events that may be of relevance to their year group.

## EASTER TERM

- Tutor group and individual appointments available in the careers department
- Presentation to students on careers and university options

## SUMMER TERM

- Careers department presentations within the PSHE programme
- Group work during tutor time to talk about skills recognition, personal development, employability skills and gender stereotyping. Up to date resources provided on the Start platform.
- Grammar parents' weekend, subject and tutor interviews
- Activity / workbook in tutor groups entitled 'Which Career Path will you Choose?'
- Invitations to attend talks from external university speakers and careers professionals

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# SYNTAX

## CHRISTMAS TERM

- Syntax tutor meeting with careers providers
- Syntaxians receive email invites to careers events. Pupils encouraged to follow the careers department on twitter.
- Higher Line Open Evening. Advice and information on subject courses in Higher Line and beyond
- Presentations to Syntax on A Level and IB options and courses
- Syntaxians undertake the online careers questionnaire 'MyCareerChoice' and 'MyAptitude' tests, produced by the MyFutureChoice external organisation, to inform their Higher Line choices and future career.

## EASTER TERM

- Syntaxians receive their individual MyFutureChoice results and attend careers assemblies where they are guided through online result reflection activities.
- Syntaxians attend MyFutureChoice individual feedback interviews conducted by Careers department staff to help them make informed Higher Line decisions.
- Submission of subject choices for Higher Line
- Discuss alternative pathways beyond Stonyhurst College
- Syntax parents' weekend, subject and tutor meetings. Presentation on Higher Line course and subject options. Careers staff available

## SUMMER TERM

- Alternative pathways; apprenticeships and employment, help available to write CV and application letters
- Syntax tutors visit careers department with their tutor group
- Rolling programme: *Start Profile* - a free digital careers platform, offering careers guidance to students along with comprehensive, up-to-date career information

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# POETRY

## CHRISTMAS TERM

*Students settle into the school routine of the demands of studying A Level/IB within Higher Line.*

- Poets receive regular email updates on upcoming career events and work experience opportunities.
- Pupils encouraged to follow the careers department on twitter.
- Initial introductory presentations on the university application process and careers service and a re introduction to 'Start', particularly for new students.
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) preparation for students applying to US universities
- Oxbridge, Medsoc, Lawsoc and Apprenticeships meetings commence for those interested in pursuing medicine, law or an apprenticeship (comprehensive programme produced separately)
- Presentation on apprenticeships. Students complete the apprenticeship module on the 'Start' platform.
- Tutors visit the careers department with their tutees.
- New students who were not in Stonyhurst in Syntax (when they completed the MyFutureChoice interest test) complete the 'Start' interest test.

## EASTER TERM

- Careers Education presentations during assemblies (UCAS explanations, a Rhetorician's view, researching universities, application process)
- Tutor groups introduced to careers resources available in College
- Inhouse lunchtime career sessions on applying to international universities including USA & Canada, European countries, Asia and Australia and New Zealand.
- Whole year group to visit the UCAS Higher Education Exhibition, Manchester. (Half-day trip)
- Medical work experience applications to Blackburn Hospital processed
- Work experience applications to BAE Systems open for Engineers and Business placements
- Guest speakers from universities throughout the terms, covering UCAS Apply, course searches, importance of writing a good personal statement, how to make the best use of open day visits.
- Poets encouraged to attend university open days (physically or virtually)
- Poetry parents' weekend, subject and tutor meetings plus presentation on 'Life beyond Stonyhurst'. Careers staff available
- Oxbridge, Medsoc, Lawsoc and Apprenticeship meetings continue (comprehensive programme produced separately)

## SUMMER TERM

- External guest speakers from universities throughout the Easter and Summer terms, covering UCAS Apply, course searches, importance of a good personal statement, making the best use of Open Days
- 'UniFest' day for university application preparation to include UCAS registration workshops and a presentation on UCAS personal statements from external and internal speakers
- UCAS lunchtime registration workshops offered regularly from mid-June to the end of term
- Cover letter and CV preparation for employment
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) preparation for students applying to US universities
- SAT testing early May
- Poets continue to work through the year 12 resources on 'Start' during tutor time.

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# RHETORIC

## CHRISTMAS TERM

- Lunchtime UCAS registration workshops
- Pupils encouraged to follow the careers department on twitter.
- Processing of university applications to USA & Canada, China, Japan, UK, certain European countries (early application to Netherlands, Finland and Sweden)
- Regular Oxbridge, Lawsoc and Medsoc meetings continue (include interview preparation)
- Open access to the careers department for all. Appointments can be made by email
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) preparation for students applying to US universities
- Tutor groups attend careers department to finalise all university applications
- Rhetoric parents' weekend, subject and tutor meeting plus presentation on the university application process and other careers options
- Meeting between the IBCP class and Rudiments to discuss careers education throughout College and future options.

## EASTER TERM

- Completion of applications for apprenticeships, employment, GAP years, etc
- Practice interviews continue for Rhetoricians offered an interview.
- Completion of international university applications to most other European countries
- Open access at all times to pupils for one-to-one assistance in application follow up.
- Assistance with writing a CV and covering letter available on a one-to-one basis via appointment
- Assistance with applications for student accommodation and applications for student finance
- PSCE presentations to year group on '*Making Choices*' (including responding to offers, UCAS Extra, deferring places, Clearing and Adjustment) '*Student Finance*', '*Adjusting to University*'

## SUMMER TERM

- Results day support available and ongoing advice on university confirmation, Clearing and Adjustment and reapplications

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