



Ysgol Gymunedol

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Community School

Careers Plan

2020-2021

Optimism | Trust | Respect | Positivity | Honesty

At TCS we believe that each and every pupil deserves excellent careers advice and guidance that will equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the world of work. We are committed to giving all pupils the opportunity to progress in their chosen career by raising aspirations, exploring different pathways and addressing their individual needs. We strongly believe that by giving guidance to make informed decisions about subject choices, developing work related skills and giving experiences of the workplace, our young people will leave TCS with the confidence and belief that they can achieve and succeed in their chosen pathway.

We will do this by:

- Following a stable careers programme
- Giving opportunities for work experience
- Encounters with employers
- Exploring different careers pathways – Higher/Further education, Apprenticeships/Training programmes, employment opportunities
- Personal careers advice and guidance
- Developing work related skills – C.V. writing, mock interviews
- Linking the curriculum to careers

We are part of the Gatsby Project which is a Welsh Government pilot scheme aiming to improve careers provision throughout the key stages. The Gatsby framework has eight benchmarks which we are working towards and which have helped build our careers provision. We also work closely with other agencies such as Careers Wales who provide us with a designated school advisor available for advice, guidance and 1:1 meetings.

Useful Careers Based Websites:

www.careerswales.gov.wales - a website that provides pupils and parents with to date careers information in Wales

www.successatschool.org - information on a range of career sectors, top employers, university events and open days

www.startprofile.com - find out about employers and work experience, help make informed decisions about future career choices

www.careersbox.co.uk - the national careers film library, a free careers resource showing hundreds of real people doing real jobs.

www.how2become.com - a careers and educational information and development website, learn how to write a CV, complete an application form, pass psychometric tests and how to be successful in a job interview.

www.ucas.com - everything you need to know about university – courses, accommodation, student life, finance, what to study

www.russellgroup.ac.uk - representing 24 leading universities, information and advice on careers and informed choices

www.allAboutApprenticeships.co.uk - advice on making applications, live apprenticeship vacancies by sector or area

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk - opportunities outside of university for school and college leavers including apprenticeships and training and employment opportunities