Parents play an important role in guiding students in their progression from South Axholme Academy.

There is information below which you may find useful.

South Axholme students are given login details to the South Axholme Academy Be Ready micro site, this has current Labour Market Information and Apprenticeship opportunities on, which can be accessed at home; we would encourage you to use them together.

Careers Education and Guidance begins at South Axholme Academy in year 7 and is delivered through tutor time, general studies lessons, enrichment days and other bespoke events which are planned into the academic year. We help students to explore their aspirations and career interests and encourage the use of careers computer software to explore potential future career opportunities.

You can help your child start thinking about careers by pointing them towards useful sources of information.  There’s nothing to stop them beginning their research as soon as they’re ready.

There’s plenty of information online to help your child find out what different careers are like. Follow these links for more information:

[***https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/home***](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/home)

[***https://inspiringfutures.org.uk/our-services/career-insight-events***](https://inspiringfutures.org.uk/our-services/career-insight-events)

[***https://amazingapprenticeships.com/apprenticeship-resources/***](https://amazingapprenticeships.com/apprenticeship-resources/)

[***http://icould.com/***](http://icould.com/)

[***http://www.thebigchoice.com/Career\_Advisors***](http://www.thebigchoice.com/Career_Advisors)

If you want to know more from our qualified Careers Advisor Kathy email Helen Bagshaw via admin@southaxholme-iet.co.uk who will be able to coordinate this.

**General Tips**

Once your child has some ideas about where they want to do with their career, encourage them to look into what they need to do to get there.

As well as helping them decide on their next steps, this will encourage them to develop the decision-making skills important in adult like.  They will need to weight up the pros and cons of various options, make a decision based on the information available – then put their plan into action.  Encourage them to look at a wide range of careers – almost every job is open to both males and females.

Encourage them to develop their skills through out of school activities and interests.  This will help them when they are applying for courses or jobs.

Encourage them to find out about the world of work through work experience and business activities at school.

Go along to open evenings or careers events at the school and colleges.

**Getting the Right Qualifications**

Getting the right qualifications for the right career requires students to know their individual career paths. This can be a real challenge in Year 9 with their options.

Local further education college and providers attend the Year 9 Options evening at South Axholme Academy to help encourage the right choices.

Ultimately it is about what the students enjoy that can determine their individual pathways.

More detailed Careers guidance is offered in Year 11 to help students make the right decisions for their next steps

**Supporting your child’s career plans**

Making career plans is an important part of growing up, but it can be a challenge.  As a parent, there’s plenty you can do to support your child and help them find the career that’s right for them.

Your child will have decisions to make at different stages, so it’s worth raising the subject of careers from time to time over a period of years.

It doesn’t have to be a formal discussion – especially when they’re young.  You might want to talk about types of job that are in the news, or the career choices of someone your child admires.

You could also discuss types of career that might be relevant to their interests, and whether a high salary is a priority.

From time to time we email parents asking for feedback on events we hold; we would really appreciate if you can take the time to complete one of our surveys so we can improve the service for all stakeholders.

If you are able to contribute to our careers programme by giving a presentation to our students, offering a period of work experience or a visit, please contact our careers team.

**Other Useful Resources**

[**Parent's Guide to Apprenticeships**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/711088/Parent-Guide-Apprenticeships.pdf)

[**UCAS Parents/Carers Guide**](https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians)**-** A useful resource to help you with information regarding your child's application. Includes a monthly newsletter and in-depth information