

John Spence Careers Programme 2025-26

Year group event		Targeted	Optional	Assembly	Lessons	
Week	Weekly	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Year long		Young civic award Weekly Picture news slide	Young carers 1:1 Weekly Picture news slide	Young carers 1:1 Duke of Edinburgh Weekly Picture news slide	SEN/Young carers 1:1 GCSE Mindsets Weekly Picture news slide	Connexions 1:1's DWP Sessions (NEETs) College/sixth form assemblies
1A (1.9.25) <i>*1st Sept Inset*</i>						
2B (8.9.25)						
3A (15.9.25)	Annual employer survey		STEM Roadshow (BEA Systems)			
4B (22.9.25) <i>*Pledge Fri 26th*</i>	Pledge day				Gateshead college visit Future Me presentation	College visit: Tynemet/Newcastle
5A (29.9.25)						
6B (6.10.25)						Mock job interviews
7A (13.10.25)						Snapshot Exams 1
8B (20.10.25)					Apprenticeships intro session	Apprenticeships intro session
Half term						
9A (3.11.25)	CL Meetings			Royal Navy Workshop	Apprenticeships intro session	Apprenticeships intro session
10B (10.11.25)						Post 16 Options eve
11A (17.11.25)	Identify staff training needs					
12B (24.11.25) <i>*28th Nov Inset*</i>					Assembly - Work experience launch	
13A (1.12.25)						Energy Academy trip
14B (8.12.25)				Newcastle University trip		Snapshot Exams 2
15A (15.12.25)					Snapshot Exams 1	
Christmas						
16B (5.1.26)	Futures Month Form time reading (careers) FSQ: Year 7,9,11	Assembly - Futures month, Intro				
17A (12.1.26)		Lunchtime Careers Cafe				
		Fit for Life Taught Careers Lessons				
18B (19.1.26)		Growth sector carousel				Apprenticeships session Mock assessment centre
		Assembly - STEM LMI (NUSTEM)				
19A (26.1.26)		Lunchtime Careers Cafe				
		Fit for Life Taught Careers Lessons				
20B (2.2.26)				NHS carousel	Cambridge University workshop	
		Lunchtime Careers Cafe				
		Fit for Life Taught Careers Lessons				
		Alumni Speed dating		Subject pathway lessons	Apprenticeships assembly	
Lunchtime Careers Cafe						
Fit for Life Taught Careers Lessons						
Careers in the curriculum week						

				Exams	Tynemet T Levels assembly	
<u>21A</u> (9.2.26)	National Apprenticeships week					Mock exams
HALF TERM						
<u>22B</u> (23.2.26) *23rd Feb Inset*						Mock exams
<u>23A</u> (2.3.26)						SEN Foundation learning taser - Tynement
<u>24B</u> (9.3.26)						
<u>25A</u> (16.3.26)	Workshop week	M&G workshop	Network rail workshop	Nursing workshop	Royal Navy workshop	
<u>26B</u> (23.3.26)					Snapshot Exams 2	
<u>27A</u> (30.3.26)				Future Focus SEN Careers Fair	Future Focus SEN Careers Fair	
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<u>28B</u> (20.4.26)						
<u>29A</u> (27.4.26)						
<u>30B</u> (4.5.26)		Young carers NU Futures session				Exams
<u>31A</u> (11.5.26)						
<u>32B</u> (18.5.26)					Work Experience	Exams
<u>29A</u> (27.4.26)		Young carers NU Futures session				Exams
HALF TERM						
<u>33A</u> (1.6.26)						Exams
<u>34B</u> (8.6.26)		Young carers NU Futures session			Snapshot Exams 3	Exams
<u>35A</u> (15.6.26)						
<u>36B</u> (22.6.26)		Young carers NU Futures session			Energy Academy	
<u>37A</u> (29.6.26)	Staff/parent voice				Aviation academy visit	
<u>38B</u> (6.7.26) *Ford castle trip*		Young carers NU Futures session			Kirkley Hall visit Cambridge residential	
<u>39A</u> (13.7.26)						
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Futures Month Calendar					
B	6th DressmeZee Futures month assembly	7th Futures month assembly	8th Year 8 Careers Carousel Futures month assembly	9th Futures month assembly	10th Futures month assembly Careers Cafe
A	13th	14th Year 9 NHS Carousel STEM LMI assembly	15th STEM LMI assembly	16th STEM LMI assembly	17th Year 10 Cambridge Uni workshop Careers Cafe
B	20th	21st	22nd	23rd Apprenticeships assembly	24th Year 7 Alumni Speed Dating Careers Cafe
A	27th	28th Subject day	29th	30th Tynemet College Assembly - Technicals	31st Careers Cafe

Subject Day

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
English	English Why Bother? videos followed by class discussion. Will link in skills from literary heritage units.		
Maths	Why bother videos. Class teacher to choose appropriate video based on needs on class and topics being recently taught.		
Science	Careers slides for every KS3 topic, found in shared area folder. To share with each class once during careers week.		
Technology	Product starter. How the people we know (family/friends) use technology in their jobs	Product starter. Cover - Inside the factory documentary: List the jobs you see in this video. Cover - careers research task.	Product starter. Does 'technology' make life better or worse?
Art	Art Careers PPT with facts and figures and video clips about the importance of the arts and transferrable creative skills needed in employment. Quick competitive tasks to list jobs that would use art.		
Drama	PPT displaying a range of jobs linked to the arts.	Not taught on the day	Not taught on the day
Computing / Business Studies	Guest speaker from Tyne Coast	Not taught on that day	Not taught on that day
Geography	PPT showing students a range of jobs, also using https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/groups/c0rx344r1g5t for videos to show students the related jobs they are interested in. To be used with all of KS3 but videos to be tailored to class interests.		
History	PPT demonstrating the transferable skills that history offers for all careers. Checklist of those skills used in lesson that day. Short video to highlight the transferable skills in the "real world" https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/groups/c0rx344r1g5t		
PE	We have the SCITT students starting their placement on Tues 28th Jan. They have some impressive CVs and have completed to interesting routes to get where they are now. We feel thier intro to KS3 classes on this day will help the studetns introduce themselves to our pupils, but also give our pupils something to think about when it comes to careers in sport.		

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