



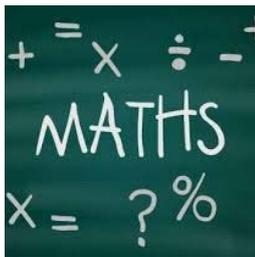
# The Westwood Academy

## “Inspiring Futures”



### Spotlight Careers

#### Maths



Civil Engineer

Optometrist

Air Traffic Controller

Electrical Engineer

Stockbroker

Accountant

Actuary

Bank Cashier

Payroll Manager

Insurance Broker

Quantity Surveyor

Economist

Teacher

Architect

Data Analyst

Statistician

**How many more can  
you think of?**

### Jargonbuster

#### Flexitime

Flexitime is a system in which employees are required to work a certain number of hours during the day but are allowed to choose their own times for starting and finishing work. For example, you might decide to start work at 9.00am and finish at 5.00pm or alternatively start at 8.00am and finish at 4:00pm.

Not all employers allow you to work flexitime but it can be useful depending on your circumstances.



#### Career Pathways of Westwood staff?

**Name:** Mrs Dalglish

**Current Job:** Assistant Head Teacher/ SENCO

**Pathway:** After gaining my GCSEs I stayed at my school sixth form and studied three A levels, English Literature, Religious Studies and History. I then went onto university where I completed a BA honours degree in History with Theology.

My first job was in a supermarket which I did while I was working on my A levels. I then had a series of retail jobs throughout my degree. When my degree was completed I decided I wanted a job away from education so went to work at an Insurance company selling home insurance over the phone. This experience made me realise that I wanted to teach so I did my qualification to be a teacher and then started working as a History Teacher at the Westwood Academy. After becoming Head of History and Assistant Head, I discovered that I loved helping students who find learning difficult and have recently taken the role of SENCO.



**Career Quote:** You should always be happy- don't settle for mediocre

#### “Golden days for The Westwood Academy”

We are thrilled to have achieved the national Quality in Careers Standard awarded by Prospects. We recognise the important role school plays in helping pupils develop their knowledge, skills and experience so they can go out into the world and achieve personal success. This award has provided a flexible framework that enabled us to audit our work on careers and ensure our pupils are receiving advice, practical support and experience so they are prepared for the next stage of their education, employment, self-employment or training. We are especially delighted to achieve the Gold award which further highlights our outstanding provision.





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## What’s happening this term?

- The Big Yellow Apprenticeship Bus - KS4/5
- Warwick Inspire - Year 8 and Year 10
- Construction Live Event -Year 8
- “A Day in the Life” at DHL Parcel - Year 10
- MGTS engineering workplace visit-Year 11
- The Big Bang Competition Finals -Year 10
- CWT taster Mornings (Hairdressing and Childcare) - Year 10 and Year 11

*Checkout the careers area of the school website to view our careers programme and follow us on @academywestwood for regular careers tweets!*



## What’s your skill?

Employers are looking for strong **SKILLS** .

Can you describe a time when you showed

### Confidence?

Think about a time where you have been involved in something either inside or outside school that has required you to be confident. Have you taken part in an assembly or performed to an audience in a school



play? Have you ever had to take a penalty in a football match or show visitors around the school? All these things need confidence.



## Gatsby Benchmarks

The Gatsby Benchmarks are a framework of 8 guidelines that define the best careers provision in secondary schools.

- Benchmark 1 – A stable careers programme
- Benchmark 2 – Learning from career and labour market information
- Benchmark 3 – Addressing the needs of each pupil
- Benchmark 4 – Linking curriculum learning to careers
- Benchmark 5 – Encounters with employers and employees
- Benchmark 6 – Experiences of workplaces
- Benchmark 7 – Encounters with further and higher education
- Benchmark 8—Personal Guidance

You can find out more about the Gatsby Benchmarks at <https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/schools-colleges/gatsby-benchmarks>



**Gaining Quality in Careers Standard and Prospects Gold Award recognises that at The Westwood Academy we are meeting all of these benchmarks.**