

**Learner Journey**

**Notes for Parents/Carers**

**What is a Learner Journey?**

**The key aim for our school is to ensure that each individual student leaves school with a positive destination that is fully appropriate to their personal skills, qualities, abilities and interests.**

**This destination should be the *preferred* option for the individual who should also be equipped with sustainable, transferable employability skills such as numeracy, ICT skills, teamwork, research skills, creativity and effective communication.**

**In order for every one of the students who attend EHS to leave with this in place, a very carefully considered structure needs to be in place from Primary school to the end of Secondary school that allows students to develop and demonstrate each of these key skills.**

**Destinations include college, university, employment, volunteering, Modern Apprenticeships, training and running your own business. These could also be considered as stepping stones towards the destination. Each places their particular demands of our youngsters but there are many overlapping areas that all of these establishments, bodies and society in general expect our students to possess.**

**Essentially, the Learner Journey at EHS is all about how each individual engages with options, choices, opportunities and experiences that are available between entry and exit points (start and finish of school).**

**The Learner Journey will be mainly co-ordinated, taught and tracked by our team of guidance staff but all teachers will have an input. Key to the success is an increased responsibility being taken by our students for their own futures.**

***Examples of Learner Journeys can be found on the school’s Guidance website and also on*** [***http://www.npfs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/nutshells\_pathway\_P1.pdf***](http://www.npfs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/nutshells_pathway_P1.pdf)

**What is in the Learner Journey?**

**We have broken this up into 5 distinct areas:**

* **Achievement – this looks at promoting wider achievement opportunities in and out of school, recording and tracking these and emphasising the important role these aspects of life have for developing and demonstrating skills.**
* **Attainment - this aspect is focussed on qualifications and coursework. Study skills, tracking, individual target setting, making suitable subject choices and taking responsibility for own progress are all addressed.**
* **Careers – using the My World of Work site, students will develop careers management skills regarding identifying suitable possible careers, linking jobs to skills and qualities, creating and updating cvs, interview skills and exploring the range of post school options.**
* **Health and Wellbeing – this will cover aspects covering healthy lifestyle options, resilience, considering mental health needs and consolidating topics covered elsewhere in the school around the theme of personal safety such as substance misuse and sexual health.**
* **Personal – this emphasises areas such as friendships, self-esteem, use of social media, personal responsibility, preparation for independent living, dealing with adversity and appreciation of issues in society.**

**What can parents/carers do to help?**

**For the Learner Journey to be as effective as possible, the supportive role of parents/carers is crucially important.**

**You can assist in many ways including these noted below:**

* **Encourage involvement in school clubs and groups**
* **Encourage involvement in community clubs and groups**
* **Share information about achievements with the school**
* **Help at home with study routines and techniques \*\***
* **Regularly talk through progress at home**
* **Encourage and help to arrange part-time jobs and any other types of work experience, including volunteering**
* **Encourage involvement in award schemes such as Duke of Edinburgh and Saltire \*\* (volunteering)**
* **Talk about future plans at home in terms of subject choices and career aims and encourage use of My World of Work website**
* **Encourage your youngsters to put themselves forward for the range of leadership opportunities available in and out of the school across all stages**

**\*\* info about this available on the school website**

**On top of this, the school are always actively looking for local business partners. This could be in terms of helping with work experience, mock interviews, sponsorship for awards, guest speakers at school events and supporting specific aspects of courses as well as many others areas as required.**

**Business input is of immense benefit to our students and this is hugely appreciated. Please get in touch with the school (01896-849282) if you are able to offer any support in this regard.**