



“We can and We Will”

Year 9

- **All students will have access to a second careers fair to ensure that they are well informed about the opportunities and available to them when they leave TQEA.**

We recognise that students' ambitions will change year by year and want to continue to provide them with opportunity to learn more about their specific areas of interest. This Fair enables students to seek advice about subject combinations for careers and vocations from a wide range of local 6th Forms, Colleges, apprenticeship providers, higher education institutions and employers. It is important for us to ensure that all students are aware of the vast range of opportunities available to them and receive the strongest advice and guidance possible to make these important choices. Students are able to ask questions, pick up literature and even make contacts to pursue in the future.

- **All students will participate in a university outreach programme.**

Whether aspiring to higher education or not, for many youngsters, their understanding of university life and its potential role in their lives is unknown. To bridge that gap we commit to ensuring that all TQEA students have an opportunity to participate in a university outreach programme. Students will learn about student finance, meet ambassadors and current students and learn how University can shape their lives. They will experience a campus with its facilities as well as a lecture or class. The experience is illuminating and often adds a determination and realisation to some of our young people that university study might be something for them in the future.

- **All students and parents will have access to a Careers and Vocations Fair to ensure that they make informed choices about their GCSE subjects.**

We recognise that for parents and students the choosing of GCSE option subjects is both exciting and also challenging. This Fair enables parents and students to access subject teachers for advice about GCSE courses and their suitability for careers as well as seek advice about subject combinations for careers and vocations. It is important for us to ensure that all parents and students receive the strongest advice and guidance possible to make these important choices.

- **All students will be taught how to create their own CV.**

In this programme students are taught how to write those all-important CVs. They will evaluate good and bad CVs to learn about the structure of these documents and the do's and don'ts. They will then be supported in writing their own CV based on their education and experience so far to ensure they land the interview for the position they want. They will also be taught about how to write a covering letter or application to a specific job of their choosing.

- **All students will learn about and develop transferrable skills that are required across a wide range of career pathways.**

We understand that a student progress in a specific career is not solely based on their educational qualifications. All business look for certain characteristics and traits in their employees. Regardless of career young people need to understand the skills they will need in all areas of employment and have the opportunity to develop them. In PSHE lessons students will be taught about the importance of teamwork, independence, organisation, communication problem solving and determination. This process will better prepare our students for entering the world of work.