

## Information for Parents

Helping teens to decide on their future can seem a huge challenge, but don't worry help is on hand. Whether you are worrying about advising your teen, helping them with choosing their career path, wanting sources of information and help, keen to look at different sectors, or want help with understanding choices at 16, the school Careers Department can help point you in the right direction. For more information please contact our Careers Lead, Mr Richard Pollard by email [Richard.pollard@scaps.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:Richard.pollard@scaps.gloucs.sch.uk) or by phoning 01453 767293. More information can also be found on <https://www.careersadviceforparents.org> or <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

Core academic subjects such as English, Maths and Science are important for a variety of reasons, including giving students a broad general knowledge that will enable them to participate in and contribute to society. Due to the importance of Maths and English, if a pupil does not achieve a grade 4 or higher in both these GCSEs by the end of Year 11 they will be required to continue working towards this aim as part of their 16-19 study programme. For some students this will mean studying either Maths or English as well as doing an apprenticeship or college course. For other students it might mean taking a stepping stone qualification in order to support them as they work towards a GCSE in both English and Maths Post-16.