

AIMING HIGH @ SMITHILLS SCHOOL

What do I need to do NOW to progress my Career

Year 8

- Start thinking about what subjects you'd like to study for GCSE.
- You will be picking some of your options in the spring term.
- Choose courses you enjoy and are doing well in.
- Are there any subjects that would complement a career choice you may have in mind?
(Check using online resources such as Kudos or Start).
- Talk to your careers team in school, teachers and family but remember it's your choice.
- Listen to the advice given in your options assembly and from external speakers from further education establishments or higher education establishments.
- Take part in any university or college visits, taster days or other events that will help you develop greater understanding of specific careers or help you develop your employability skills.
- Make sure you have been involved with a school or community club; extracurricular activity; social enterprise or subject challenge.
- Are there any roles of responsibility for which you could volunteer (office monitor; open evening ambassador, form representative).
- Remember the more you do now the more you will have to record on your CV later to make you stand out from the crowd!
- Keep certificates safe for your record of achievement folder later on.