

Dear Parent,

Help your child to explore their future

As part of our commitment to prepare students for a rapidly changing world, we are delighted to announce that we are using an innovative online resource called **Start**.

Start will help your child to connect with their future career potential, develop their employability and help them to explore future career and study options at school or at home.

How should my child use it?

We have created accounts for students and they will receive an email with details their own account for **Start** at school. It is accessible anytime on computers and compatible mobile and tablet devices.

Your child will personalise their profile on **Start** with details about their skills, qualities, interests and work preferences. This provides a starting point for them to explore information matched to their personal preferences and interests. As they update their profile, **Start** will personalise this information, helping them to navigate the thousands of jobs, courses, providers and opportunities available. **Start** will help students to understand where they are on their journey and what's important as they make their choices at GCSE, post-16 and post-18.

We encourage you to use **Start** with your child at home. Encourage them to rate jobs, qualifications, colleges or universities so that we can see their preferences in order to support them better.

What if I want to use Start myself?

Parents can also use **Start** to find out more about jobs, training and study opportunities for yourself. Please do not log in using your child's user details and instead register yourself using the steps outlined below, creating your own username and password.

For more information on **Start** or the support available for your son or daughter, please contact me at the Academy.


Yours faithfully,


Mark Monahan
Assistant Principal & Careers Leader

How to Register: Parent Guide


Welcome to Start!


These instructions explain how to register for Start. To create your own username and password, please follow the simple steps below.

 Go to www.startprofile.com and click **Register**

 Enter your first name, surname, email address, postcode and gender

Tip: if you forget your username or password we will use the email address you provide to send you a reminder

 Choose a memorable username and a secure password and click **Get Started**

 Click **Login** and enter your username and password. Click **Login**

The first time you log in you will be required to complete the following:

 Select **“I am a Parent and would like to use Start with my children.”**