

Welcome to JPA Futures, a half-termly newsletter promoting the careers education and activities at Jesmond Park Academy.



Hello! My name is Derek Neil and I'm a member of the GG MAT's LAG for JPA, with special responsibility for CEIAG.

Before we start drowning in alphabet soup, let me unpick that a bit. Jesmond Park Academy for JPA is fairly obvious, but maybe some of you don't know that the LAG, or the local advisory group, is part of the school's system of governance. The people responsible for the way the Gosforth Group (GG) of schools' multi academy trust (MAT) is overseen is a group of trustees. The LAG acts as a sort of conduit for passing advice between the school and the trustees. Some of us lagers have been given a particular area of responsibility and mine is careers education, information, advice and guidance. Or CEIAG for, er, short.

The pandemic has made it difficult for me to visit the school in person but I have met 'virtually' with the careers leader and other relevant staff. They have been able to tell me about how CEIAG functions in the school and I have passed that information on to the other members of the LAG. I hope, maybe next term, to be able to meet a few more of you, perhaps in person, so I can learn from staff, students and parents about this very important area of the school's work.

As if to emphasise its importance I notice that Ofsted has added four new paragraphs to the inspection handbook (paras 256-259 for anyone who wants to look them up), which almost certainly signals that CEIAG will get a renewed emphasis in inspections from September 2021. These paragraphs focus on how well the school gives students in Years 8 to 13 access to unbiased information about education and training opportunities to help them make the best choices for their future.

Just a bit about me to end with. I taught modern languages in London and North Tyneside. I was an education adviser in County Durham for ten years before joining Her Majesty's Inspectors. I ran my own educational consultancy for a few years before hanging up my clipboard and retiring to a relaxing life of grand-parenting and long sojourns in our apartment in the south of France. Until COVID, the LAG and CEIAG came along, that is!

I look forward to meeting some of you in the new school year. Derek.



We were proud to be re-accredited with the Quality in Careers Standard in January. We were assessed as 'making good progress towards meeting all the accreditation criteria incorporating the Gatsby Benchmarks' for the national quality award for its careers education, information, advice and guidance provision. The award is for 3 years.

We held a virtual careers week for our Year 11 students from 21st-25th June. There were presentations from Globalbridge about how to create a digital CV, National Citizen Service about volunteering, Institute of Grocery Distribution about the food chain and a presentation on money skills from Barclays LifeSkills.



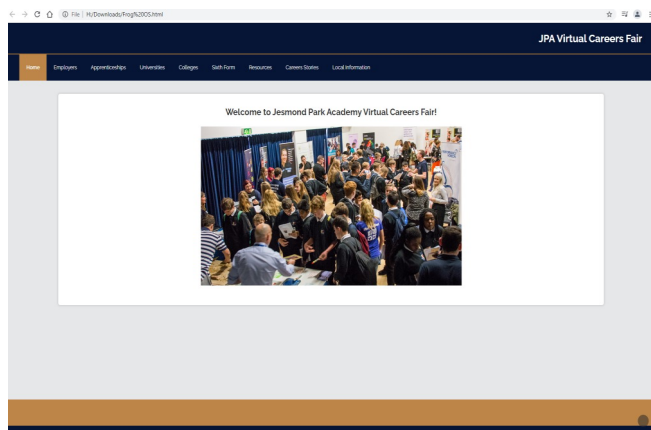
LifeSkills  
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We were the pilot school for the National Careers Week Careers Champions. We have two Careers Champions in each year group and we meet regularly to discuss how we can improve careers provision within the school. The pilot was so successful that the scheme has been rolled out nationally.



All our Year 11, 12 and 13 students are now registered with Globalbridge, a pioneering digital CV platform bridging the gap between students, universities and employers.  
#bridgethegap



We held a 'virtual' Careers Fair for our students this year, hopefully we can hold a face-to-face Fair again next year.

## Keep in touch



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We were lucky enough to be included in the TICE programme 'Belsay Awakes' this year. Our Year 9 students took part in the award winning programme which provides real time hands on access and insight for students into careers and opportunities across the commercial, creative, design and digital industries. The project was partially financed thanks to a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

We were thrilled to read about former JPA student Anna who has become Cullercoats RNLI's first female helm in its 170 year history. Anna joined the crew when she was only 17 years old, after witnessing a person in trouble in the sea and she called the 'sea police'.

