



## Mr. Downes

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### Careers Manager:

I have the role of Careers Co-ordinator for Year 7 and 8 at St. Peter's School. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require help or guidance with careers planning for your child or if you have any feedback about how we can offer further support with Careers Education, Advice, Information and Guidance.

We also welcome parents who would like to contribute to our careers programme by offering insights into particular career paths and occupations.

I look forward to working alongside you to ensure your child is fully prepared to make the most of the opportunities available for their future career.

The next Future Insights bulletin for Parents and Carers will be published in **Summer** 2016.



**Welcome** to the Spring edition of our Future Insights bulletin. Throughout the Year 7 Careers Education and Guidance programme, the focus is on encouraging students to learn more about the person that they are, and the person they want to be. They will consider the qualities which they have already have and those they need to develop in order to pursue their chosen career paths.



### Personal Qualities Audit

Last term students were invited to consider the different skills they already had and those which they could develop further in order to achieve their career goals. This term students turn their attention to personal qualities. In a competitive world, it is essential to be aware of the key personal qualities that employers are looking for. As students progress through St. Peter's, they should aim not only to develop these qualities, but also gather evidence to demonstrate them.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar

Punctuality

Presentation of Work

Organisation and preparation

Ability to concentrate

Get on well with people of own age

Willingness to engage with sports, drama etc

Ambitious

Speaks easily and well

Proactive as well as reactive

Resilient

Trustworthy

Adaptability

Develops positive friendships

Cheerful and co-operative

### Target Setting

An important characteristic of those who achieve their career ambitions is that they know what they will have to do to achieve their goals. Target setting is therefore an important tool throughout education. For example, a student wishing to improve their spelling may set the following targets as a means of achieving the necessary standard.

- Checking all written work carefully for spelling mistakes
- Using a dictionary to look up words
- Collecting words in a notebook and learning them

Please encourage your son or daughter to set themselves a target in an area of their academic life they feel they could improve.



This term all Year 7 students are being introduced to the Fast Tomato careers website. Fast Tomato is one of the most popular online careers programmes for young people and has helped millions of students explore the many different career opportunities open to them. It is used by hundreds of schools nationwide and is an accurate, relevant and easy to use resource.

## Fast Tomato

[www.fasttomato.com](http://www.fasttomato.com)

**Register: First name**

**Last name**

**Registration code:**

I strongly encourage you to explore this valuable careers resource with your child, not just in Year 7 but throughout the coming years.

The strength of this particular website lies in the fact that you can continually return to the results and refine or change personal preferences to generate specific career information. Please access the programme at home using the log in information indicated on the left.



Advisor Online provides up-to-date and impartial careers advice to all students and their parents/carers. Students are able to have a chat with a qualified, local and independent adviser about their career aspirations and plans. This is an essential site to visit to get answers to questions about qualifications, skills, training pathways, Further and Higher Education and specific careers.



Why not give Fast Tomato or Advisor Online a try today? It's a great way to find out about different careers, assess interests, find out what qualifications can help and even what salary might be paid for a particular job.

## Advisor Online

<http://advisoronline.ansbury.co.uk>

St Peter's School login is (all lower case, no gaps):

- Username: hotel99
- Password: hotel99

Live Web Chat with qualified Ansbury Careers Advisors:

- 12 - 2 and 4 - 6pm Monday to Thursday
- 12 - 2pm Friday

