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Careers Policy

Longdon Hall School

Rationale for Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

A career is an individual's journey through learning, work and other aspects of life. All young people need access to Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) to help them make informed career choices. Under the guidance of the Department of Education "All young people in secondary school get a programme of advice and guidance that is stable, structured and delivered by individuals with the right skills and experience" Careers guidance and access for education and training providers – Statutory guidance for governing bodies, school leaders and school staff January 2018 To achieve this aim, the careers strategy sets out that every school and academy providing secondary education should use the Gatsby Foundations Benchmarks to develop and improve their CEIAG programme.

With this in mind, Longdon Hall School Careers provision is committed to providing a planned programme of Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance for all pupils across all year groups.

We employ our own Careers Lead. Advice & Guidance is delivered through our Careers team. We endeavor to follow the "Careers guidance and access for education and training providers – Statutory guidance for governing bodies, school leaders and school staff, January 2018" and other relevant guidance from the D of E, QCA & Ofsted.

Objectives

- Plan, implement and deliver a thorough Careers Programme at Longdon Hall School from years 7 to 11 in accordance with the Gatsby Benchmarks and Statutory Guidance.
- Provide students, teachers and families with up-to-date labour market information and resources.
- Introduce students to a variety of post-16 options including Supported Internships, Apprenticeships, Further Education, Employment, and other schemes aimed at young adults entering the world of work.
- Design, deliver and provide course materials and train relevant staff on how to implement sessions that build upon 'Prep for Work' skills and support the transition from school to pathways including further education, training, courses, and employment.
- Facilitate opportunities for students to engage with employers, external agencies, the JobCentre Plus, Supported Employment providers and other post-16 options.

Provision

- The teaching of careers lessons within PSHE to encourage pupils to start thinking about responsibilities and the world of work.
- The linking of all subjects to careers pathways.
- The introduction of key concepts to learners, i.e., Job Skills, Job Types, Transferable Skills, Professional Conduct, Preparing for Transition (full details below).
- The organisation of opportunities for students to engage with employers, course, and training providers and other post-16 providers through arranging a jobs fair, site visits, and work experience placements.

- Enabling students, teachers and families to have access to resources that will provide detailed information about post-16 provision.
- The provision of 1-1 impartial Careers Advice level 6 qualified advisors and action planning for students, at least 3 times throughout Years 7 - 13 to map progress and review goals and targets.
- The seeking of opportunities to centre the student's voice and use feedback to inform continuous planning and best practice.
- Carrying out all activities in accordance with the Gatsby Benchmarks and Statutory Guidance for Careers Provision.

Theme	Key Updates to Gatsby Benchmarks (Effective from Sep 2025)
Careers at the Heart of Education & Leadership	• Careers guidance is now a whole-institution commitment—embedded in strategic plans and school vision. Clearly defined roles and responsibilities are required for SLT, governors, careers leaders, and advisers. (computingatschool.org.uk, GOV.UK)
Inclusion and Impact for Every Young Person	• Guidance must be personalised, with additional focus on vulnerable, disadvantaged pupils and those with SEND. (computingatschool.org.uk, GOV.UK)
Meaningful & Varied Encounters and Experiences	• 'Meaningful' experiences must include variety (employers, workplaces) with preparation and reflection; balance of in-person and virtual modes. (computingatschool.org.uk, GOV.UK)
Use of Information and Data	• Emphasis on using data to inform decisions: track aspirations, intended and sustained destinations, and personalise support using dashboards and tools like Compass+. (computingatschool.org.uk, GOV.UK)
Engagement of Parents and Carers	• Carer involvement is integral. Institutions must proactively inform, involve, and support parents/carers as pivotal partners in career decision-making. (computingatschool.org.uk, GOV.UK)
Statutory Enhancement: Provider Access Duties	• Schools must provide at least six external provider encounters covering technical routes (e.g., T-levels, apprenticeships) across Years 8–13. Internal delivery must be supplemented with external, impartial providers. (computingatschool.org.uk, GOV.UK)
Evaluation & Accountability	• Institutions should self-evaluate termly using tools like Compass / Compass+, reporting progress to governors, parents, and staff via dashboards. Benchmark 1 ("Stable careers programme") is emphasised as foundational. (computingatschool.org.uk, GOV.UK)
Workplace Experience	• Benchmark 6 now aligns with the Work Experience Guarantee, requiring high-quality, meaningful workplace experiences for every student. (Gatsby Benchmarks,

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[GOV.UK](https://gov.uk)

Work Experience and Vocational

To encourage pupils to start thinking more deeply about the world of work, they have access to vocational subjects and work experience placements. They are encouraged to try as many of these options as they can, to allow self-assessment of their preferences and to inform choices about their careers pathways.

Staffing

All staff contribute to CEIAG through their roles as tutors and subject teachers. The CEIAG programme is planned, monitored and evaluated by the Careers Leader, using the Gatsby Benchmarking Tool and specialist impartial careers guidance is delivered by a regional careers advisor.

Links with other policies

The policy supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for teaching & learning, assessment, recording and reporting achievement, citizenship, PSHE, work related learning & enterprise, work experience, equal opportunities & diversity, health & safety and special needs.

Criteria for Evaluating the Success of the Policy

The policy should be reviewed on an annual basis by the Careers Lead and in consultation with the rest of the senior team. In the process of this review she/he should seek to answer the questions identified below:

- Does the rationale reflect current practice in school?
- Is the school successful in meeting the aims in this document?
- Is there evidence to show Students are experiencing breadth and balance across the whole curriculum?

- Can the Careers Lead demonstrate that the arrangements for planning and monitoring have been effective?
- Is there evidence that the strategies for teaching and learning are effective?
- Does the allocation of resources allow for effective implementation of the curriculum?
- Do the assessment, recording, reporting arrangements clearly identify student achievement and fulfil legal requirements.
- Is there evidence around school that demonstrates student achievement and enjoyment.

Community Links

Work within this curriculum area will take place within the school environment. However, it is important that the students can transfer the skills and attitudes that they have learnt into other meaningful situations. Where it is practically possible and relevant to the age of the student, learning will also take place in local shops, on public transport and in other relevant areas of the community.

Opportunities will be created for the students to develop Student awareness of local cultures and faith groups.

Parent/Carer Involvement

It is vital that parents/carers are actively involved in this aspect of their children's learning as they have a significant effect upon it. Parents'/Carers' fundamental role in this area of their child's education is acknowledged by staff. Many aspects of PSHE are very much part of a student's home life and therefore sharing information is particularly vital to ensuring that teaching is sensitively approached.

Cross Curricular Links

There will be many natural links with other areas of learning. Students' personal growth will be enhanced by the development of language, physical and mathematical skills; spiritual appreciation will be developed through links with science, environmental education and creative activities; social development and moral understanding will permeate all learning experiences.

The student's statement may refer to objectives, which should be seen as cross-curricular as well as being based within a particular subject area.

Equal Opportunities

All Students should have access to a relevant curriculum, which meets their individual needs whilst also providing breadth of experience and a balance of subjects to achieve individual aims. Materials should reflect the multi-cultural society in which we live. Materials should also be checked for race or gender stereotypes.

Staff Development

Staff should undertake regular in-service training to keep well informed of curriculum developments.

Careers Curriculum Intent Statement

We want our pupils to experience a careers curriculum that establishes a growing knowledge and awareness of the world of work and what they, as young people, can aim for as they prepare for adulthood and Post-16 transition. This includes delivering a breadth of opportunities and experiences that our pupils can start to build their own future pathways on. As we aim to do this, we are also fully aware of the impact of the inherent difficulties our pupils have due to the nature of their needs and diagnosis and look to how we can start to overcome these barriers, working alongside them.

Intent:

What will our pupils experience throughout their career curriculum?

1. Access to careers learning from Year 7 onwards - learning that is linked through their curriculum provision and explicitly delivered sessions
2. A careers curriculum that has contributions and feedback from them, their families, school staff and external employers
3. Engagement with many different employers throughout Year 7 to Year 11 in variety of formats such as assemblies, visits, talks, project work, careers events
4. Unbiased careers advice and support from a career's advisor
5. Working with them and their families as they prepare for their future and for life after Longdon Hall School
6. Staff who are committed to and passionate about helping them develop as they make key decisions and prepare for their future pathways

Why do we want this?

1. We want our pupils to know their skills and strengths; know what they are good at and what they find hard
2. We want our pupils to work towards independent living and working
3. We want them to have hope and optimism, adaptability and resilience
4. We want our pupils to have access to, and engagement in, decent work in all its forms (personal, gift and paid)
5. We want our pupils to learn and make progress so they can thrive and experience success in their future pathways
6. We want our pupils to pursue and value their own wellbeing and happiness

Implementation:

How will we deliver this?

1. Pupils will have access to a careers curriculum from Year 7 onward and this will be routinely monitored and evaluated to ensure it is fit for purpose.
2. Pupils will meet and talk with previous students to find out about their experiences and aspirations

3. Close working relationship with our Careers Advisor to support mentoring pupils in KS4
4. Experiences of different workplaces and environments
5. Meaningful encounters with the world of work
6. Careers fairs and skills workshops

Impact:

What is our expected impact?

1. Pupils will have a successful transition on from Year 11 into Post 16
2. Pupils will have had experience of a wide range of opportunities, interests and options so they are best placed to make informed decisions about their future choices
3. Pupils will develop the skills needed for them to be employable, whether that is voluntarily or paid
4. Pupils will know the value of having work and commitments in their lives
5. Pupils will know that they have a valued and important part to play in the world in which they live and they can and are motivated to contribute to society in a way which best suits their interests and skills
6. Pupils will know about and make use of the range of support and advice that is available to them in order to support their choices and decision making