



Cathedral Academy

Policy:	Careers Policy
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1. Purpose of policy and guiding principles

- 1.1 Careers education, information and guidance (CEIAG) programmes make a significant contribution to preparing young people for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.
 - 1.2 The CEIAG programme is designed to be progressive from Year 7 to Year 11 and support students in making informed choices in years 8 and 11.
 - 1.3 At Cathedral Academy, Wakefield we aim to raise aspirations, challenge stereotypes and encourage students to consider a wide range of careers. Through careers education and guidance it is hoped that students will be encouraged to make the most of their talents and to go on to jobs or courses which suit their needs and intelligence.
 - 1.4 In particular we intend our students to:
 - Develop a broad understanding of the world of work and an ability to respond to changing opportunities.
 - Develop independent research skills so that they can make good use of information and guidance.
 - Develop the skills they need to review achievements, plan future actions, make decisions, present themselves well and cope with change and transition.
- We recognise that the process of making career decisions is a lengthy one and that most of our students will make their final choices only after completing their higher education course.

2. Commitments

- 2.1 The Governing Body and staff are committed to:
 - The provision of resources and advice to enable students to understand and develop career choices and to ensure that careers education is seen as part of the overall curriculum and learning framework for all years.
 - Encouraging students to achieve and to be ambitious.
 - Involving students, parents and carers in the further development of careers work.
 - Working with support agencies so that no student is disadvantaged in gaining access to education, training or work.
 - Achieving and retaining the Quality Standards in careers Education award.
 - Meeting all eight of the Gatsby Benchmarks.

3. Provision

- 3.1 Careers includes education, information and guidance. Careers education helps our students develop the knowledge and skills they need to make successful choices, manage transitions in learning and move into work. Through guidance students are able to use their knowledge and skills to make the decisions about learning and work that are right for them. Careers education forms an integral part of the curriculum and is achieved via assemblies, form time and individual, targeted opportunities, for example visits to universities or work places and talks with employers.
- 3.2 Careers guidance is supported by the work form tutors do in tutorial time. All staff are involved in guidance e.g. support during selection of Phase Two options and UCAS Progress applications.
- 3.3 We are also well supported by our qualified and impartial careers adviser who is in school two days per week. Careers guidance interviews takes place on a group basis, and one to one basis for a number of identified students and those who request a careers appointment.
- 3.4 Careers information and resources are available in school for students to access. Our CEIAG programme aims to guarantee all students who leave Cathedral Academy at the end of Year 11 have an offer of a place to move onto.

3.5 Phase 1 provision includes:

Year 7	Careers library introduction Assemblies from local employers Labour Market Index information Assemblies Further plans for CEAIAG under development
Year 8	Assemblies on universities and apprenticeships Meeting with SLG member, if requested prior to making options choices Assemblies from local employers Labour Market Index information Assemblies Further plans for CEIAG under development

3.6 Phase 2 Provision includes:

Year 9	University visit or talk from university employees Careers Fair
Year 10	Careers Fair Careers day including writing application forms for mock interviews Mock interviews Assemblies from local employers University visits and residentials
Year 11	Careers fair Assemblies from FE colleges & 6 th forms Year 11 info evening with access to local colleges UCAS Progress application support in form time Group and 1:1 careers interviews with careers advisor University visits Apprenticeship search and application support

In addition to the 'core' careers programme above, students will also have the opportunity to partake in bespoke activities / schemes on a student by student basis.

By the end of Phase 2 Students will have:

- Receive career guidance through one to one and / or group guidance with the school Careers Adviser.
- Have information about the full range Post 16 pathways through further education and apprenticeships.
- Have had the opportunity to participate in college tasters to sample Post 16 subjects.
- Will have completed online applications for Post 16 opportunities.
- Have had opportunities for encounters with employers including those with school leaver vacancies.
- Experience the process of going for an interview and receive constructive feedback.

4. Equal opportunities

Cathedral Academy is keen to promote equal opportunities and try to use every opportunity to challenge stereotypes and to raise aspirations. Careers education is provided to all students and provision is made to allow all students to access the curriculum. Students are encouraged to follow career paths that suit their interests, skills and strengths with the absence of stereotypes. All students are provided with the same opportunities and diversity is celebrated. Students with Special Educational Needs are offered additional careers advice. The destinations of our leavers are closely monitored and younger students informed so that we are aware of trends and opportunities.

5. Relationship to other parts of the curriculum and other policies

Careers education is conducted in accordance with the school's equal opportunities policy and other relevant policies. The whole school remit of careers is recognised and the curriculum is developed alongside that of other areas so that careers education is an integral part of the whole school curriculum.

6. Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged at all stages.

7. Management

The Associate Assistant Head with responsibility for Careers Leadership oversees the implementation of the careers programme and also oversees CEIAG and careers appointments for the careers advisor.

8. Resources

The school has accessible careers resources in the library as well as access to a private office for careers interviews. One careers advisor is available on site two days per week providing independent and impartial careers advice. Careers interviews are scheduled for all Year 11 students, with additional interviews arranged on a case by case basis. The Academy has links with various local businesses, HE institutions and the Local Enterprise Network, all of whom offer valuable first hand advice and resource to our students.

9. Monitoring, evaluation and review

The careers programme is monitored regularly and amended. Cathedral Academy will measure the effectiveness of the CEIAG provision by considering both attainment data and destination data for our students at all transition stages.