

CAREERS PROVIDER ACCESS STATEMENT

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Aims and Objectives

This policy aims to set out our school's provision of impartial and informed careers guidance for our pupils. High-quality careers guidance is important for our pupils' futures, and our provision aims to:

- In accordance with the Education Act (1997) and Education and Skills Act (2008), this policy sets out to provide a comprehensive careers programme for students.
 - The policy aims to ensure that all students receive tailored, impartial careers education and advice, and guidance (CEIAG) to support their individual choices and career options.
 - This policy supports the school's aim of ensuring that the careers programme is clearly understood and shared with both students and parents.
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- The provision provided aims to help pupils prepare for the workplace, by building self-development and career management skills
 - Provide experience and a clear understanding of the working world
 - Develop pupils' awareness of the variety of education, training and careers opportunities available to them
 - Help pupils to understand routes to careers that they're interested in, and to make informed choices about their next step in education or training
 - Promote a culture of high aspirations and equality of opportunity

Procedures and practices

This policy is based on the Department for Education's (DfE's) statutory [Careers guidance and access for education and training providers](#). The most recent update of this guidance was updated in May 2025.

This guidance refers to:

- The Education Act 1997
 - The Education and Skills Act 2008
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- 1 Fulwood Academy is committed to providing independent careers guidance from Year 7 to Year 11 in line with the DfE Education Act (1997).
 - 2 Fulwood Academy is committed to providing a programme of advice and guidance that is stable and structured
 - 3 Advice and guidance will be presented in an impartial manner and information given will be for a wide range of educational institutions and work choices.
 - 4 The school will provide opportunities for students in all year groups to access information on approved technical qualifications and apprenticeships.
 - 5 A wide range of CIEAG opportunities are offered to students and these are delivered by appropriately skilled staff and external support, where appropriate.
 - 6 In accordance with DfE statutory guidance (2023), the school's career programme is based on the principles outlined in the Gatsby benchmarks.

This policy is also in line with the more recent [Skills and Post-16 Act 2022](#), which came into force on 1 January 2023. It explains that schools must provide a minimum of 6 encounters with technical education or training providers to all pupils in years 8 to 13.

Between years 8 and 9, pupils at Fulwood Academy will have a minimum 2 encounters, followed by a further 2 encounters between years 10 and 11.

This policy is also in line with the Education (Careers Guidance in Schools) Act 2022. This came into force on 1 September 2022, and amended the existing duty in The Education Act 1997, so that:

The above guidance requires that schools publish information about their careers programme on their website. This policy includes this information and shows how our school complies with this requirement.

We also act in line with our statutory duty under the 'Baker Clause', to be impartial and not show bias towards any route, be that academic or technical. This policy should be read in conjunction with our provider access policy statement, which sets out how our school meets this duty, and can be found on our school website.

Roles and responsibilities

Careers leader

Our careers leader is Elaine Hughes, and she can be contacted by emailing e.hughes@fulwoodacademy.co.uk

Our careers leader will:

- Take responsibility for developing, running and reporting on the school's career programme
- Plan and manage careers activities
- Manage the budget for the careers programme
- Support teachers to build careers education and guidance into subjects across the curriculum
- Establish and develop links with employers, education and training providers, and careers organisations
- Work closely with relevant staff, including our special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO) and careers adviser, to identify the guidance needs of all of our pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and put in place personalised support and transition plans
- Work with our school's designated teacher for looked-after children (LAC) and previously LAC to:
 - Make sure they know which pupils are in care or are care leavers
 - Understand their additional support needs
 - Make sure that, for LAC, their personal education plan can help inform careers advice
- Review our school's provider access policy statement at least annually, in agreement with our governing board. Senior leadership team(SLT)

SLT will:

- Support the careers programme
- Support the careers leader in developing their strategic careers plan
- Make sure our school's careers leader is allocated sufficient time, and has the appropriate

training, to perform their duties to a high standard

- Allow training providers access to talk to pupils in years 8 to 11 about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships, and set out arrangements for this in our school's provider access policy statement
- Network with employers, education and training providers, and other careers organisations

The Governing Board

The governing board will:

- Provide clear advice and guidance on which the school can base a strategic careers plan which meets legal and contractual requirements
- Appoint a member of the governing board who will take a strategic interest in careers education and encourage employer engagement
- Make sure independent careers guidance is provided to all pupils throughout their secondary education (11 to 18 year-olds) and that the information is presented impartially, includes a range of educational or training options and promotes the best interests of pupils
- Make sure that a range of education and training providers can access pupils in years 7 to 11 to inform them of approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships
- Make sure that details of our school's careers programme and the name of the careers leader are published on the school's website
- Make sure that arrangements are in place for the school to meet the legal requirements of the 'Baker Clause', including that the school has published a provider access policy statement

Our careers programme

Our school has an embedded careers programme that aims to inform and encourage pupils to consider their career options, and take steps to understand their choices and pathways. We provide statutory independent careers guidance to pupils from year 7 onwards.

Our programme has been developed to meet the expectations outlined in the Gatsby Benchmarks:

1. A stable careers programme with a career's leader
2. Learning from career and labour market information
3. Addressing the needs of each pupil
4. Linking curriculum learning to careers
5. Encounters with employers and employees
6. Experience of workplaces
7. Encounters with further and higher education
8. Personal guidance

It is structured in a way that builds upon previous years, and the overarching aim is divided between the Key Stages so that pupils are encouraged to think appropriately about their future. We provide aims, objectives and activities for each year group.

Our careers programme is delivered through a number of methods, including:

- Careers fairs
- Personal Development lessons
- Guest Speakers
- Career Guidance
- Career Drop In
- External Stakeholders
- Trips and Visits

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- Work experience

Key Stage 3

Our Key Stage 3 careers programme will support pupils in their future aspirations, understanding career pathways, HE routes so that they can plan their choice of GCSE subjects. This includes:

- Future Skills
- Big Careers Encounters
- Introductions to the world of work
- Introductions to options and post 16 routes
- Provider Talks
- College visits
- Careers Conventions
- University Visits
- STEM provisions
- Work with Future U

Key Stage 4

Our Key Stage 4 careers programme aims to help pupils research and understand their choices and routes into education and training. This includes:

- Careers Convention
- Introductions to HE
- Personal CV guidance
- Interview skills
- Mock interviews with external provisions
- University Visits
- College taster days
- Work Experience
- Work with Future U
- Career guidance interviews
- Career guidance drop in sessions.

Pupils with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND)

We expect that the majority of pupils with SEND will follow the same careers programme that meets the Gatsby Benchmarks as their classmates, with adjustments and additional support as needed.

Our careers leader will work with teachers and, where appropriate, professionals from relevant organisations, to identify the needs of our pupils with SEND and put in place personalised support and transition plans. This may include meetings with pupils and their families to discuss education, training and employment opportunities, supported internships and transition plans into higher education.

No information will be given to pupils without SEND that is not also offered to our pupils with SEND.

Access to our careers programme information

A summary of our school's careers programme is published on our school website including details of how pupils, parents, teachers and employers can access information about the careers programme.

Pupils, parents, teachers and employers can request any additional information about the careers programme by contacting: e.hughes@fulwoodacademy.co.uk

Assessing the impact on pupils

Our career programme is designed so pupils can give feedback, and their progress measured as they move through the Key Stages. We measure and assess the impact of the programme's initiatives by:

- surveys
- leavers' information
- feedback from pupils, parents, teachers and employers

Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies

- Provider access policy statement

Monitoring and review

This policy, the information included, and its implementation will be monitored by the governing board and reviewed annually.