

# Kelvin Hall School CAREERS STRATEGY

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# Kelvin Hall School

## Careers Strategy

### Purpose and Aims

Kelvin Hall School is committed to delivering high quality CEIAG which empowers pupils to make informed career decisions. Our aim is to equip our pupils with the necessary skills, knowledge and attitudes to manage their learning and career progression.

### Background

Kelvin Hall School has an established effective programme of careers guidance activities which enables us to guide our students into positive education, employment and training opportunities.

This strategy outlines our whole school approach to continually develop the programme to extend CEIAG activities from year 7 through to year 11 and meet the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks (as stipulated in the DfE Careers Strategy).

The school will collaborate throughout this strategy with a range of external agencies to help us ensure we meet all of the mandatory requirements contained within the Department for Education's new careers strategy. These partnerships will include working alongside The Humber Careers and Enterprise Company, Hull City Council, Further Education (FE) and Higher Education (HE) providers, apprenticeship providers and a wide range of local employers.

We recognise that high quality careers guidance is a crucial part of improving social mobility and therefore careers guidance at Kelvin Hall includes targeted guidance to PPI, LAC and SEND pupils. Furthermore, the guidance programme is designed to develop the cultural capital of all pupils ensuring activities provide opportunities to develop knowledge and experience of the world of work and increase networks:

- Working closely with HAP students and local FE, HE, apprenticeship providers and employers to ensure they can aspire and fulfil their potential. This includes visits to prominent employers, bespoke 6<sup>th</sup> Form college interventions and HE Talks etc.
- Helping students develop resilience and a belief in their capacity for success via activities such as work experience, business breakfasts, mock interviews, employer led workshops, enterprise days, and alumni events.
- Careers lessons focusing on developing of self-awareness, steps to success, SMART planning, and contingency planning and resilience.

- Using the expertise in our careers team and wider networks to provide tailored support to help prepare our young people for the demands of the workplace and make choices based on impartial and personalised advice.
- Tracking students via the Compass Plus tracker to monitor access to opportunities.
- Monitoring and evaluating events and using feedback and destinations data to inform future planning.

Young people make choices based on what they know and what they think is available to them and therefore developing pupils' knowledge of Labour Market Information is a high priority. A whole school approach is adopted in relation to LMI and therefore subject teachers discuss job profiles specific to their subject area within curriculum time. In addition, bespoke LMI sessions are offered in years 9 and 10 during PSHE lessons, alongside traditional careers fairs, employer visits, FE and HE taster days. Apprenticeships are also promoted at Kelvin Hall and as such we hold a bespoke apprenticeship careers event annually. Central to this is the development of pupil's skills to evaluate information and consider bias, accuracy and relevance in informed decision making.

## The Careers Strategy

Department  
for Education



**Careers strategy:  
making the most of  
everyone's skills and  
talents**

December 2017

In December 2017 the government's Department for Education launched the latest version of their "Careers Strategy". This new strategy places the Careers and Enterprise Company at the heart of driving forward careers provision for young people. Their enhanced role is to act as a catalyst in the fragmented landscape of careers and enterprise, supporting programmes that work, filling gaps in provision and ensuring coverage across the entire country.

This new strategy adopted the Gatsby Benchmarks, which were originally developed by the Gatsby Foundation in 2014 by the Gatsby Charitable Foundation. These benchmarks were based on international research and helped identify best practice and guidance for education establishments

in order for them to deliver high quality careers guidance to young people across England. These benchmarks have also formally been adopted by OFSTED and will now form part of their school inspection process.

We are currently awaiting further detail of the Introduction of Employer Standards Framework for Careers Education and will work closely with the CEC to ensure any additional requirements are incorporated into our strategy.

**The Eight Gatsby Benchmarks of Good Career Guidance are:**

- 1) A stable careers programme
- 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 higher education
- 8) Personal guidance

**Careers Hubs**

Since October 2015, the Gatsby Charitable Foundation, in partnership with the Careers and Enterprise Company, has also been running a Careers Hub pilot in the North East Local Enterprise Partnership area. This Careers Hub pilot was put in place to build on the support provided through the Enterprise Adviser Networks to achieve benchmarks 5 and 6 and support schools / colleges to achieve all eight of the Gatsby Benchmarks.

**What is a Careers Hub?**

A Careers Hub is a group, of between 20 and 40 secondary schools / colleges / SEN Schools located in the same geographical area working with universities, other education and training providers, employers and career guidance professionals to ensure that ALL the Gatsby Benchmarks are delivered in each school and college within the Hub and that careers outcomes are improved for all young people. Schools and colleges within the Hub should have a shared vision of how they will work together to improve outcomes for the young people in their area.

There are now 40+ Careers Hubs are now established across the country. Newland School for Girls are now members of the Hull & East Yorkshire Hub, providing us with access to opportunities for professional updating, networking, resources and best practice advice. Our Trust Careers Leader attends local hub meetings and disseminates relevant information to staff and students.

### **Strategic Careers Leader**

As set out within the Department for Education Careers Strategy, Kelvin Hall School is required to have a designated member of our Senior Leadership Team named as our schools Strategic Careers Lead.

The Strategic Careers Lead has the responsibility to make sure that we as a school meet our mandatory requirements and work towards achieving all eight of the Gatsby Benchmarks.

Claire Grandidge, Deputy Headteacher, provides both the Head Teacher and the Board of Governors with regular updates on our progress and works closely with the Trust Careers Leader and our assigned Enterprise Adviser and education, training and employment providers to ensure we deliver this strategy.

### **KHS Careers Team**

Erica Hood will lead our careers team, which includes the following staff members:

Erica Hood, Trust Careers Leader, CDI

Mark Moss (Careers Adviser) CDI

Vanessa Bell (Careers & Work Experience Officer)

Louise Dales (Connexions Independent Careers Adviser) CDI

Sonia Lobar (Connexions Independent Careers Adviser) CDI

Laura Needle (Connexions Independent Careers Adviser) CDI

As aforementioned, Ben Ash is the Strategic Careers Lead for Newland School for Girls.

### **Enterprise Adviser**

Through the Humber LEPs Enterprise Adviser Network Kelvin Hall School has been assigned our own designated Enterprise Adviser, Ruby Jennings, of National Highways.

The Enterprise Adviser works closely with the careers team to assist us to facilitate careers related activity, which will help us achieve Gatsby Benchmarks 4, 5 and 6.

### **Current position at KHS**

Please see the 2023/2024 Careers Programme for details of the careers related support / activities available to our students throughout their school journey.

### **Teaching staff contribute to the delivery of careers guidance through:**

The delivery of careers education via the PSHE programme, linking careers to subject areas during lessons, working on collaborative projects with our Link Enterprise Adviser, support of off timetable days and NCW activities.

### **Local Employers contribute to the delivery of careers guidance through:**

Work experience, Careers/Higher Education Fairs, apprenticeship fair, careers presentations, business breakfasts, assemblies, mock interview days and employer led workshops.

### **Parents contribute to the delivery of careers guidance through:**

Supporting and arranging work experience, attending careers and work experience parents' evenings, engaging with social media, providing feedback on events and activities pupils have been involved in.

## **Objectives for 2023 to 2024**

### **1. A Stable Careers Programme**

- To ensure the careers programme is delivered by individuals with the right skills and experience. The school will, wherever possible, use qualified careers professionals to offer advice and guidance to all or the overwhelming majority of students.
- To enable students to have an understanding of the full range of opportunities available to them, the skills that are valued within the workplace and to have first-hand experience of a work environment.
- To develop and publish a careers programme that will raise the aspirations of all students regardless of academic ability and is tailored to meet their individual needs wherever possible.
- Ensure our Careers Strategy is fully supported by the Senior Leadership team within school and is approved by the Board of Governors
- To ensure there is a clear focus on the activities which support enterprise, employability skills, workplace experiences and qualifications which employers' value.
- Regularly evaluate our careers strategy to determine the impact of our careers related activity based on the feedback provided to us by students, teachers, employers and where appropriate parents.
- To maintain high quality careers provision endorsed by the Careers and Enterprise Company and to review the improvement of our programme by using the Compass evaluation and Tracker tools.

## **2. Learning from Career and Labour Market Information**

- To encourage and increase the use of online careers tools and packages across all year groups. Working with our own careers team, key partners, stakeholders, local and national professional bodies.
- Discuss the use of labour market information during PHSE lessons, subject lessons and one to one career interviews.
- To include labour market information on individual Career Action Plans.
- To attend LMI events organised by the local LEP, FE, HE apprenticeship and employment advisers disseminate relevant information to staff, pupils and parents, via emails, assemblies and social media platforms.
- Work with the local partner organisations to raise awareness of opportunities relating to STEM subjects.
- To promote the values of labour market information to parents /carers to access and understand this information (including provision of downloadable guides on website). To investigate careers and opportunities in learning, work and apprenticeships and how these meet the local and national priorities.

## **3. Addressing the Needs of the Pupil**

- To develop mechanisms to report, track and monitor compliance in relation to the Careers Strategy objectives.
- To develop accurate tracking systems to ensure students are able to keep track of their own journey.
- To ensure that students with particular vulnerabilities and those who are at risk are appropriately supported and identified through close working relationships with the full range of educational and support agencies.
- To ensure that careers guidance for learners with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) is differentiated, where appropriate, and based on high aspirations and a personalised approach. Careers guidance for learners with SEND will be based on the students own aspirations, abilities and needs.
- Ensure pupils attending alternative provision are provided with careers support.

## **4. Linking Curriculum Learning to Careers**

- To ensure that subject teachers across the whole school support the delivery of careers education and guidance and are able to link the content of curriculum with careers, even in lessons which are not specifically occupation led.
- To integrate national initiatives and project opportunities within the curriculum to enhance that range of careers related activity taking place within school i.e. RAF Smallpiece Trust Challenge.
- To ensure that careers related activity are built-in throughout the school year.

- To work with our Enterprise Adviser to provide opportunities to enhance the curriculum and link classroom learning to the world of work.

## **5. Encounters with Employers and Employees**

- To ensure that students receive at least ONE meaningful encounter with an employer during every year they are at school.
- Increase the number of activities conducted within school with the support of local employers, including meet the employer events, strengthening links with alumni and employer led workshops. Ensuring they are linked to the specific stage of the learner journey.
- Use employer links to highlight school objectives such and national initiatives such as raising attendance levels and International Women’s Day etc.
- To ensure that students have the opportunity to improve employability skills and their understanding of and awareness of entrepreneurship.
- To enable learners to gain the confidence to compete in the labour market by providing opportunities to gain the practical know-how and attributes that are relevant to gaining employment such applications, CVs, assessment centres and interview skills.
- Create mechanisms where parents and alumni can express their interest to actively support employer related activity taking place within the school.
- The school will also encourage students and parents to attend careers events such as the Humber Skills and the Hire Me Events.

## **6. Experiences of the Workplace**

- To ensure that all / overwhelming majority students complete a work placement in year 10.
- To increase the number of employer workplace visits to enable students to gain more of an understanding of the wide range of employment opportunities available within specific industry sectors in the Humber Region.
- To strengthen our links with local employers and support our Enterprise Adviser to facilitate careers and curriculum related activity within school.

## **7. Encounters with Further and Higher Education**

- Ensure all / overwhelming majority of students receives a range of meaningful encounters with Sixth Form Colleges and FE Colleges.
- Ensure all / overwhelming majority of students have been provided with information about the full range of apprenticeships including higher- level apprenticeships through ASK apprenticeships activity offer.
- Ensure all / overwhelming majority of students have experienced meaningful encounters with universities.
- Link with local 6<sup>th</sup> form to ensure HAP students are aware of the high flyers programme and the opportunities it affords.

- Link with local 6<sup>th</sup> form to provide access to HAP students to specific HE events in careers such as medicine, veterinary, dentistry and law.
- Work closely with the Uni-connect team to improve pupils knowledge of HE and tackle misconceptions common to WP students, including inspiration days and pathways and finance talks.

## **8. Personal Guidance**

- Ensure all / overwhelming majority of students have had an interview with a professional and impartial careers adviser by the end of year 11.
- Target interventions to ensure LAC, SEND, PPI, potential NEET and underachieving students are provided with the support required to help them transition into positive destinations.
- Bespoke Careers Evening offering additional guidance and advice from a range of advisers.
- Link with UniConnect to provide additional guidance for pupils at risk of disengaging.

### **Promotion of Careers related activities**

Kelvin Hall School will encourage the promotion of ALL careers related activity, which takes place within the school through the creation of case studies and will share this activity through our school social media channels and via our Careers Hub Regional Website and network.

This careers strategy document along with any case studies documents created will be placed on the school's website.

This promotion will enable us, and our partner organisations, to be able to capture the evidence we are required to provide both for OFSTED and that the activity taking place within our school meets the requirements set out within the Department of Education's Careers strategy.

### **Action Plan 2023/2024**

- Designate appropriate time and staffing to ensure individual data is attached to activities to allow individual tracking.
- Continue to build Alumni Network and publicise success stories.
- Continue to develop links with employers to support the development of Careers in the Curriculum, build on opportunities in relation to employer visits.
- Develop new ways to promote apprenticeship and vocational pathways.