



Chellaston Academy

Integrity Care Excellence

Careers Policy

Introduction

Through a planned programme of activities, Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance and Employability skills, Chellaston Academy seeks to help all students take their place as suitably qualified adults into the next stage of their academic or work related learning life. Our focus is upon

- career and option choice,
- raising the aspirations and achievements of individual students
- equipping them with skills, attitudes, knowledge and understanding as a foundation for managing their lifelong career and learning.

We are committed to meet all aspects of the Gatsby Career Benchmarks for outstanding Careers Provision and to address all requirements of the new Careers Strategy from the Department of Education. Chellaston Academy has an identified Careers Leader who is given time to complete their role.

The academy has an ongoing commitment to:

- Providing a planned programme of activities to which all students from Year 7-13 are entitled which will help them to plan and manage their careers.
- Providing IAG which is impartial, unbiased and based on needs of the students.
- Ensuring that the CEIAG and Employability programme follows local labour market needs, Statutory Guidance January 2018, Ofsted and the Gatsby Benchmarks maintain Careers Mark
- Reduce the number of Students who are NEET.

Entitlement

Students are entitled to CEIAG which meets professional standards of practice and is both personalised and impartial. It is integrated into students' experience of the whole curriculum and is based on a partnership with students and their parents or carers. The programme is structured to deliver explicit learning outcomes, raise aspirations, challenge stereotyping and promote equality and diversity.

The careers programme is designed to meet the needs of the students at Chellaston Academy to ensure progression through activities that are appropriate to the students' stages of career learning, planning and development. The aims of the Careers Education and Guidance Programme are to:

- Help young people develop an understanding of their own and others' strength, limitations, abilities, potential, personal qualities, needs attitudes and values.
- Help young people investigate opportunities for further learning and employment, make decisions and manage transitions across key stages.
- Ensure that, wherever possible, all young people leave the school with employment, further education or training.

Careers Education

All Students in Years 7-13 will receive Careers Education through their PSHCE Lessons, PD lessons and drop-down days. A mapped programme of education and activities will be built upon each year to ensure:

- Year 9 Students have access to impartial advice and guidance to help them make informed choices about their next steps into GCSE.
- Year 10 Students will have an opportunity to take part in a week of work experience or an experience of the work place.
- For Year 7-9 we are working on providing modern work experiences to our students
- Year 11 Students have access to impartial advice to help them make informed choices about their next steps following their GCSE's.
- All students find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point.
- All students hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options events, assemblies, group discussions and taster events and visits.
- All Students understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.
- In Year 12 and Year 13, Careers education will be more tailored, to individual groups of students so that students are aware of all of the routes available to them following their A Levels.

Work Experience and Employer Engagement

- Year 10: An opportunity that allow pupils to experience a real working environment and begin to develop work-based skills and behaviours
- Year 12: One week of structured work placement aligned with personal goals.
- All placements are risk assessed and include reflection activities.
- Partnerships with Rolls Royce, E4E, Severn Trent, Derby College, and University of Derby continue to expand to ensure we build upon on employer engagement and work experience

From September 2025 Chellaston is reforming work experience programmes to align with the changes to the statutory guidance. This includes work experience activities in years 7 to 9 that consist of multiple, varied and meaningful employer-led activities to explore different industries and careers and involve active engagement with a diverse range of employers, including small and medium sized enterprises.

Work experience placement(s) in year 10 that allow pupils to experience a real working environment and begin to develop work-based skills and behaviours

Links with employers, providers, schools, colleges and academies

There is engagement with both local and national employers for all year groups, which is reviewed at the end of each academic year. The employers in conjunction with the Careers Lead plan a programme of events to support careers across all year groups.

Currently we have close working relationships with the following:

University of Derby	Bombardier
University of Nottingham	Rolls Royce
Loughborough University	Morrisons
University of Law	Engineering Development Trust
Nottingham Trent University	Experian
Severn Trent Water	E4E
Derby College	Confetti
Eon	

Implementation:

Management of careers is with Jo Shillingford, who is our Careers Lead and is given 5 hours each week to carry out her role. The Careers Lead plan, co-ordinate and evaluate the careers programme and the Careers Lead plan and implement work experience for Y10 and Year 12 Students and is supported by the Board of Governors

Relationships exist with local companies who the academy have used to deliver careers events over recent years. Through the work of the Careers Lead new relationships are being established, that we hope will continue. The academy invites local HE and FE providers to meet with students and the careers fair in July allows all local establishments to come into the school.

Subject leaders and Heads of Years are consulted to ensure that there is appropriate coverage of careers themes in the PSHE programme and PD lessons. All subjects have a focus on and link to career development and employability learning and this is established via a subject audit. This is co-ordinated through the work of the Careers Lead.

Implementation: Staffing

All staff contribute to CEIAG through their roles as tutors and subject teachers. Careers education is delivered to students in Year 7-11 by their PD teacher as part of their timetables PSHE lesson. This is mapped out in the PSHE medium term plans. In Year 12 and Year 13 students have a careers lesson once a fortnight and this is mapped out within the Sixth Form PSHE medium term plan. Staff feedback is gained at the end of each academic year and any necessary changes to the program are made. Time is set aside on INSET days to meet with the Sixth Form Next Steps team to gain an understanding of delivery and feedback current issues. There is regular email discussion with the Careers team for Sixth form, due to the make up of the group no department meetings are scheduled.

SEND, LAC and PP student are supported by working closely with the SEND team and providing additional support and guidance in a smaller group session. PP students are supported by ensuring careers always supports DROPP (Disproportionate Representation of Pupil Premium)

The member of staff responsible for UCAS attend the annual training to ensure she is up to date with latest developments. Safeguarding training takes place each year for all staff. The Careers Leader attends a quarterly meeting of other Careers Leaders within Derby City to share good practice.

The Careers Leader informs all staff via email, staff briefing and INSET of any training, careers events or 1:1 interview that are taking place to make all staff aware and to raise the profile of the careers work taking place in the academy.

Implementation – Subject Leaders

To ensure that schemes of work are audited and reviewed to develop opportunities for career-based activities.

- To monitor, evaluate and review the work of the staff in their subject area in delivering the careers programme as part of their subject curriculum and in line with the teaching and learning policy.
- To ensure that appropriate STEM links are made where appropriate to facilitate work related learning and employer engagement in the careers and enterprise process.
- To include development of CEIAG in subject improvement planning.

Implementation: The CEG Programme

The careers programme includes careers education sessions, visiting career/ STEM based activity providers, career guidance activities (group work and individual interviews), information and research activities, employability learning (including 1 week of work experience in key stages 4 and 5) and individual learning planning/portfolio activities, recorded through 'Careers Passports', which is being implemented from Year 6 as part of our transition activities.

Careers lessons are part of the school's PSHE programme. Other focused events, e.g. a higher education fair is provided at Key Stage 5 and Aspiration Days at Key Stage 4. Work experience takes place at the end of Year 10 for a significant number of students. Students are actively involved in the evaluation of activities including work experience through lessons and in written feedback.

All students will receive at least one careers interview with the Careers Lead during KS4 and additional intervention strategies are introduced for those students who may find processes such as securing a route post 16, particularly challenging. The Careers Lead and the school and the wider school community is central to providing guidance to students on routes beyond school. Those students who are unsure of their destination after Year 11 or are at risk of NEET are given further support in groups or as individuals to provide the best possible guidance.

In the Sixth Form Careers is supported by drop down which cover:

- University and UCAS
- Apprenticeships
- Employment and Employability Skills
- Finance
- Enterprise

PD time is used to deliver talks from outside speakers and support more general careers work.

The Careers Lead works closely with the Learning Support Department to ensure the needs of our SEND students are met.

The Careers Lead also provides an important contribution to the planning, design and delivery of all aspects of our careers, allowing for current labour market intelligence to inform these processes.

Careers Programme Overview

Year 7	Activity	Employer Engagement
	Career Journey from Year 6 Transition	Employer Engagement
	Self Awareness - linking skills to jobs	Careers Enterprise Day E4E, STEM First Edition workshop, Energy Quest, Eon
	Career Journey update	
Year 8	Activity	Employer Engagement
	Understanding You - Good career Planning starts with you	Go4Set Tomorrows Engineers
	Role models & Local Labour Market	
	Employability Skills	
Year 9	Activity	Employer Engagement
	Local Labour Market	iRail
	Pathways Planning	Go4Set - EDT
	The Bigger Picture	Derby University
Year 10	Activity	Employer Engagement
	World of Work Skills CV Writing Workshops	E4E
	World of Work Skills Mock interviews	Learn By Design
	World of Work Skills Employability Workshops	Young Enterprise
	Financial Understanding - Learn to Earn	Local Business
	Apprenticeship Understanding	
	Careers Week	
Year 11	Activity	Employer Engagement
	What Next?	Learn by Design
	Skills Fairs	Ideas for Careers
	Individual Career Interviews	Job Centre
	Apprenticeship Activities and Application Support	Local Universities
	Open Evenings	
	National Citizenship Service	
	Job Centre Plus - Employability Skills	
Year 12 & 13	Activity	Employer Engagement

UCAS Preparation/Applications/Visits/Follow up	Local Universities
Specific advice for careers in Medicine & Law	Young Enterprise
Oxford & Cambridge entrance exam preparation	E4E
Higher Education Evening – preparation for going to university including finance	
Careers & Higher Education Fair	
Interviews and guidance for Non UCAS students	
Higher Apprenticeship information & application support	
Employability Masterclass	
World of Work Skills CV Writing Workshops	
World of Work Skills Mock interviews	

Annual Review Process

- Audit current provision across all year groups and curriculum areas to ensure that all students have the opportunity of achieving the Careers, Employability and Enterprise goals and the academy is fulfilling their statutory requirements.
- Using the Compass tool to ascertain progress for the academy against the 8 Gatsby benchmarks.
- Use the tracker tool to plan the careers activities across all year groups.
- Work with the Governors and Enterprise Adviser to ensure effectiveness and leadership of the programme.
- Deliver a coherent programme across all year groups with relevant clear progression routes. This programme to link to the established KS4 employability programme.
- All staff contribute to the careers education and IAG delivered through their roles as tutors and subject teachers, during mentoring/tutorial time/annual reviews.
- The careers education and IAG programme includes career guidance activities delivered via cohort, small group sessions and individual interviews.
- Schemes of work will include appropriate and timely work related learning aspects delivered by subject teachers in the curriculum.
- Evaluate all programmes to understand the impact.
- The training to support the needs of staff involved in coordinating, delivering and supporting careers education guidance and IAG are identified and met through the CPD programme.

Parents and Students

At the Chellaston Academy we believe that all young people and parents will need advice, guidance and support in working towards and planning for the future after leaving the academy. Parental involvement is seen as an integral part of careers, employability and enterprise education. Parents are informed about careers at parents' evenings, pathways evening in year 9 and next step events in

year 11 and year 12. Parents are also directed to the careers section of the school website and are communicated to directly via the Careers Leads information emails.

Sharing Information

The school website and social media showcases any career events that have taken place in school. The policy is made available to both students and parents on the school website. Parents are told about any updates to information via the school newsletter, website or email.

Resources

The Careers Lead has 1 day per week to carry out her role.

Careers information will be readily available for individual students to use. The Careers Area for each year group on Firefly is kept up to date with age appropriate resources for students in Yr 7-11. The Careers section is shared with parents, so they are kept up to date.

The school has recently purchased Skills Builder, which will be implemented school wide for students to use.

The teacher in charge of careers will ensure that the resources are up-to-date and relevant to the needs of our students (KS3/4)

Administration staff support the Careers lead with the setting up and running of key events in school.

Chellaston Leadership Team

To ensure that there is adequate provision for CEIAG through the subject curriculum on offer.

- To support Careers Leader in charge of careers who will be line managed by The Headteacher
- To be responsible for ensuring that there are clear and tangible links between STEM, Enterprise, WRL and CEIAG so that students, teachers and external agencies understand how enterprise and CEIAG are intrinsically linked.

Review

The careers program is updated at the end of each academic year following feedback from students, staff and parents. The process take place with the Careers Lead and their SLT line manager. This then feeds into the Careers Policy, which is updated, where required. This is then approved by SLT and then sent to Local Governing Board for their approval.

This policy is available to all stakeholders via the school website, careers section.

Updated: SHD September 2025

Date of next Review: September 2026

Annexes

This policy should be read in conjunction with:

- The Careers Access Policy
- Work Experience Policy
- PSHE Policy
- Pupil Premium Report
- LAC Policy
- SEND Policy

