



CAREERS POLICY

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) at Aylesbury Grammar is delivered through curriculum learning, dedicated talks, workshops and events, as well as one-to-one or group meetings with staff and the independent Adviza team.
- 1.2. Aylesbury Grammar School is committed to providing all students in Years 7-13 with a programme of careers activities and supporting activity in line with the eight Gatsby benchmarks. These benchmarks are intended to ensure best practice and to meet the requirements of the Department for Education's statutory guidance 2018.

2. Summary of the Gatsby Benchmarks

- 2.1. A Stable Careers Programme: The school should have an embedded programme of careers education and guidance that is known and understood by students, teachers, parents and employers.
- 2.2. Learning from Career and Labour Market Information: Every student, and their parents, should have access to good quality information about future study options and labour market opportunities. They will need the support of an informed adviser to make best use of available information.
- 2.3. Addressing the Needs of Each Student: Students have different career guidance needs at different stages. Opportunities for advice and support need to be tailored to the needs of each student. The school's careers programme should embed equality and diversity considerations throughout.
- 2.4. Linking Curriculum Learning to Careers: All teachers should link curriculum learning with careers. For example, STEM subject teachers should highlight the relevance of STEM subjects for a wide range of career pathways.
- 2.5. Encounters with Employers and Employees: Every student should have multiple opportunities to learn from employers about work, employment and the skills that are valued in the workplace. This can be through a range of enrichment opportunities including visiting speakers, mentoring and enterprise schemes.
- 2.6. Experiences of Workplaces: Every student should have first-hand experience of the workplace through work visits, work shadowing and/or work experience to help their exploration of career opportunities, and expand their networks.
- 2.7. Encounters with Further and Higher Education: All students should understand the full range of learning opportunities that are available to them. This includes both academic and vocational routes and learning in schools, colleges, universities and in the workplace.
- 2.8. Personal Guidance: Every student should have opportunities for guidance interviews with a career adviser, who could be internal (a member of school staff) or external, provided that they are trained to an appropriate level. These should be available whenever significant study or career choices are being made. They should be expected for all students but should be timed to meet their individual needs.

3. Provider Access

- 3.1. This section sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.
- 3.2. Students in Years 8-13 are entitled:
 - To 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.

- To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeship, through options evenings, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

4. Management of provider access requests

4.1. A provider wishing to request access should contact the school's Careers Leader.

5. Opportunities for access

5.1. A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Assembly opportunities	Assembly opportunities	Assembly opportunities
Year 9	Assembly opportunities	PSHCE options fair Assembly opportunities	Assembly opportunities
Year 10	Assembly opportunities	Assembly opportunities	Assembly opportunities
Year 11	PSHCE options fair Assembly opportunities	Assembly opportunities	
Year 12	Assembly opportunities	Assembly opportunities	Post-18 options day Assembly opportunities
Year 13	Assembly opportunities	Assembly opportunities	

6. Premises and facilities

- 6.1 The school will make the main hall, lecture theatre, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activities.
- 6.2 The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader or appropriate member of school staff.
- 6.3 Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Library. This resource centre is available to all students at lunch and break times or during study periods.