### Vision and Objectives:

At Carmel College, we are committed to shaping and developing the character of our students, guided by virtue theory and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Our Careers program is designed to reflect these core values, incorporating the Gatsby Benchmarks to ensure a comprehensive and effective approach. We comply with our legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, aiming to provide a stable, consistent, and inclusive careers education.

Our intent is to prepare students for their future, whether it be in further study or the world of work. We strive to raise aspirations and provide exposure to a diverse range of educational and employment opportunities, embedded within our school curriculum. Each student's experience is tailored to their individual needs and circumstances, ensuring equal opportunities and inclusion.

At Carmel, we believe that a careers program is an entitlement for every student. Our aim is to support all students in making positive transitions, living independently, and achieving their true potential in life. Our enriching, stimulating, and sensitive careers program is designed to support these goals.

Key Aims and Objectives

- \* Understanding Transitions and Future Planning: Support students and their families in developing a clear understanding of transitions and future planning.
- \* Preparation for Post-Carmel Life: Prepare students for successful and positive transitions into life after Carmel.
- \* Exposure to the World of Work: Provide well-rounded and broad experiences of the ever-changing world of work.
- \* Development of Interpersonal Skills: Support the development of essential interpersonal skills, qualities, and attitudes needed for life.
- \* Fostering Ambition and Independence: Encourage ambition and determination, motivating students to live as independently as possible.
- \* Promoting Inclusion and Equal Opportunities: Ensure inclusion and equal opportunities by challenging stereotypes and encouraging diversity.



We emphasise eight virtues in particular, grouped into four key pairs. These are:

- Justice and Compassion
- Confidence and Resilience
- Honesty and Self Belief
- Respect and Responsibility



Together, they underpin our careers' provision through PSHEE, timetabled lessons, dedicated careers' advisor appointments and specific interactions with external employers and educational stakeholders. The Gatsby Benchmark framework aims to ensure that all students in Years 7-13 are entitled to:

- 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 apprenticeships 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. •

### The Careers' Team:

Mrs Parnaby, our Strategic Lead for careers, oversees the development of the careers' programme. Mrs Ho, Operational Lead, is responsible for the day-to-day running of the careers' provision. We also have Mr Hope who is our Sixth Form Progression Lead. He works with students in our sixth form to maximise their potential at Carmel College. We provide independent careers' advice to students through our own careers adviser, Ms Waterfall-Brown. She offers independent advice and guidance to ensure we are compliant with government expectations.

Provision includes careers' assemblies and sessions, CEIAG, workshops, employability skills including interview techniques and First Aid, enterprise activities and partnerships with local business and industry. We work closely with the Tees Valley Combined Authority and have 1 Enterprise adviser. We have an active School-Business partnership group that support a range of meaningful interactions with employment.

The written guide below shows the variety of experiences that are on offer at Carmel College, broken down into the Gatsby Benchmarks. From this you can see the range of exciting opportunities students at Carmel College can expect in each academic year.

If you are able to help with the provision of external speakers or employment opportunities for our students, please do not hesitate to get in touch - Louise Parnaby or Hannah Ho or Lindsey Waterfall-Brown via telephone: 01325 254525; email: carmelcareers@carmel.bhcet.org.uk

	Gatsby Benchmark 1 A stable careers programme	<b>Gatsby Benchmark 2</b> Learning about the Labour-Market	Gatsby Benchmark 3 Addressing the needs of each pupil	Gatsby Benchmark 4 Linking careers to the curriculum	Gatsby Benchmark 5 Encounters with employers/employees	Gatsby Benchmark 6 Experience of workplaces	Gatsby Benchmark 7 Encounters with Further and Higher Education	Gatsby Benchmark 8 Personal guidance
YEAR 7	Year 7 introduced to Unifrog and begin profiles September. Weekly drop-in sessions in the Careers Hub to give students access to Unifrog and group careers support. PSHEE delivery on Aspirations for Life. This will access goal setting and raising aspirations. Future Pathways- celebrating a career each week during form time.	Every week LMI is shared through the PREP PowerPoint which is then discussed during form time. Step into the NHS competition launched during PSHE and assembly in the spring term.	PSHE delivery on careers routes throughout the year. EPRA evening in the autumn term.	Curriculum staff highlight the relevance of subjects to careers; the relationship between subjects, future jobs and skills are clearly outlined and students are supported to understand potential pathways from subjects. Lessons; - Highlight essential skills development in subjects - Highlight pathways at 16/18 within subjects - Identify linked job roles/sectors	NHS Careers Fair in the spring term. Guest speakers from employers such as EE, Jacobs and the NHS throughout the year who will discuss the various routes into careers.	Virtual or in person visit to a local site based on year group interests in the summer term.	Local educational providers are invited to assemblies. Targeted trip to a university to raise aspirations.	Group session with careers advisor, also students can come along on a Friday lunch time to the weekly drop-in session.
Learning Outcome Year 7	Students will have comp parents.	reate an online profile usir leted the "treasure Hunt" discuss employers they hav	activity on Unifrog to un	derstand how to use the p	latform in searching for c		ade a careers portfolio to	share with form tutors an
	Weekly drop-in	Every week LMI is						

Local educational providers are invited to assemblies.	Group session with Careers advisor scheduled April/May.
Targeted trip to a university to raise aspirations.	

				<ul> <li>Identify linked job roles/sectors</li> </ul>					
Learning Outcome Year 8	Building on from Year 7, students will have completed at least 3 competencies on Unifrog. Students are beginning to build their employability skills portfolio by accessing Unifrog to build their online profile. Students will be able to confidently discuss the different routes in to post 16 educations including, T-Levels, Traineeships, Apprenticeships, A-Levels and other vocational courses.								
YEAR 9	Weekly drop-in sessions in the Careers Hub to give students access to Unifrog and group careers support. PSHEE delivery on Aspirations for Life. This will access CV writing and interpersonal skills. Future Pathways- celebrating a career each week during form time.	Every week LMI is shared through the PREP PowerPoint which is then discussed during form time. Local LMI is shared in assembly.	KS4 options event with support from careers team available. Options assemblies which discuss the courses available at Carmel.	Curriculum staff highlight the relevance of subjects to careers; the relationship between subjects,	Big Project with Jacobs starts in September and runs to July. Careers Fair in March/April.	Careers Fair open to Years 9-13. Over 50 different employers or HE providers in attendance. Scheduled March/April.	Local educational providers are invited to assemblies. Targeted trip to a university to raise aspirations.	Students meet in groups with careers advisor to discuss KS4 options. Pupils identified by the PLM/APLM are given bespoke guidance on KS4 options in December.	
Learning Outcome Year 9		hoices for GCSE are appro	priate and have successf	fully made their choices for	r KS4.			tion they will be able to eir ideas from the previous	
YEAR 10	Weekly drop-in sessions in the Careers Hub to give students access to Unifrog and group careers support. PSHEE delivery on Aspirations for Life during Spring Half Term. This will access goal setting and beginning to look at post 16 options. Future Pathways- celebrating a career each week during form	Every week LMI is shared through the PREP PowerPoint which is then discussed during form time. Local LMI is shared in assembly.	EPRA Evening on academic progress and careers advisor will be available to speak to parents. Scheduled around May. Speakers for Schools assembly in the autumn term. Apprenticeships assembly from TVLPN.	Curriculum staff highlight the relevance of subjects to careers; the relationship between subjects, future jobs and skills are clearly outlined and students are supported to understand potential pathways from subjects. Lessons; - Highlight essential skills development in subjects	Local employers are invited to join assemblies throughout the year such as EE and Jacobs. Workplace visits for all Year 10 students targeted through interests to meet a wide range of employees from that workplace. Big Project with Jacobs starts in September and runs to July.	Careers Fair open to Years 9-13. Over 50 different employers or HE providers in attendance. Scheduled March/April. Work experience for all Year 10 students targeted through interests to gain a valuable experience of a workplace.	Selected students will be invited to trips to local colleges and post 16 destinations. Local educational providers are invited to assemblies, students will also meet providers through the careers fair.	Careers advisor will support during delivery of PSHEE. Individual session with Careers advisor scheduled June/July.	

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Local educational	Careers advisor
Local educational providers are invited to assemblies, students will also meet providers through the careers fair.	careers advisor scheduled June/July.

Learning Outcome Year 10	Students will be confider online profile on Unifrog	dered their post 16 educat nt in explaining the various  leted another 3 competen	s post 16 routes in educati	on and how that affects th	eir career pathway. This w	vill be a reflection task and	d will add to their current o	careers portfolio and
YEAR 11	<ul> <li>PSHEE delivery on Aspirations for Life during Spring Half Term. This will access interview skills, interpersonal skills and goal setting.</li> <li>Mock interviews for all students.</li> <li>Future Pathways - celebrating a career each week during form time.</li> </ul>	Every week LMI is shared through the PREP PowerPoint which is then discussed during form time. Local LMI is shared in assembly.	All students have at least one appointment with either the academic tutors, careers advisor or a member from the Senior Leadership Team to tailor careers pathway and post 16 opportunities. Apprenticeships assembly from TVLPN.	Curriculum staff highlight the relevance of subjects to careers; the relationship between subjects, future jobs and skills are clearly outlined and students are supported to understand potential pathways from subjects. Lessons; - Highlight essential skills development in subjects - Highlight pathways at 16/18 within subjects - Identify linked job roles/sectors	Local employers are invited to join assemblies throughout the year. Students meet employers through the careers fair. Virtual work experience available for selected students. Big Project with Jacobs starts in September and runs to July.	Students complete one interview with an external stakeholder. This is scheduled in January/February. Careers Fair open to Years 9-13. Over 50 different employers or HE providers in attendance. Scheduled March/April.	Selected students will be invited to trips to local colleges and post 16 destinations. Local educational providers are invited to assemblies, students will also meet providers through the careers fair.	All students to receive 1:1 session with careers advisor.
Learning Outcome Year 11		leted all competencies on nt in their post 16 choices, Itment.			to articulate how their po	st 16 choices affect their	career plan. All students w	ill have had at least one

Year 12	PSHEE delivery on work experience and how to find it. Networking sessions for selected students to help with work experience. Aspirations for Life PSHEE (Skills builder in preparation for work experience). Future Pathways - celebrating a career each week during form time.	Every Friday LMI is shared through the Future Friday PowerPoint which is then discussed during form time. Local LMI is shared in assembly.	Social Mobility students identified, and assemblies given. Sixth Form Progression Lead and Careers Leads meet with all students to tailor careers pathway and post 18 opportunities. All students given information for NU entry and Partners. Opportunities shared weekly via Teams. Speakers for Schools assembly in the autumn term.	Curriculum staff highlight the relevance of subjects to careers; the relationship between subjects, future jobs and skills are clearly outlined and students are supported to understand potential pathways from subjects. Lessons; - Highlight essential skills development in subjects - Highlight pathways at 16/18 within subjects - Identify linked job roles/sectors	Work Experience usually at the end of June. A one week programme where students gain work experience with a local employer. Big Project with Jacobs starts in September and runs to July.	University Careers Fair at St James Park. All students to attend in October/ November. Careers Fair open to Years 9-13. Over 50 different employers or HE providers in attendance. Scheduled March/April. Year 12 complete work experience at the end of June.	External assemblies every 3 weeks from HE providers. To include: -Local HE -Russel Group -Oxford/Cambridge -Apprenticeships -Volunteering opportunities -Access to HE opportunities	All students to receive 1:1 session with careers advisors.
Learning Outcome	Students will have compl	eted a work experience ha	andbook.		•			
Year 12	will reflect and review th	ended the Careers Fair or eir competency skills on U eted their first draft of a p	nifrog.	nd use booklet to reflect or	n opportunities. Students			
Year 13	Unifrog Profile updated/made for external students during PSHEE delivery. UCAS writing and personal statement support. Future Pathways - celebrating a career each week during form time.	Every Friday LMI is shared through the	Sixth Form Progression Lead and Careers Leads meet with all students to tailor careers pathway and post 18 opportunities. Speakers for Schools assembly in the autumn term. Apprenticeships assembly from TVLPN.	Curriculum staff highlight the relevance of subjects to careers; the relationship between subjects, future jobs and skills are clearly outlined and students are supported to understand potential pathways from subjects. Lessons; - Highlight essential skills development in subjects - Highlight pathways at 16/18 within subjects - Identify linked job roles/sectors	Local employers are invited to assemblies throughout the year. Employers are invited to careers fair. Big Project with Jacobs starts in September and runs to July	Careers Fair open to Years 9-13. Over 50 different employers or HE providers in attendance. Scheduled March/April.	External assemblies every 3 weeks from HE providers. To include: -Local HE -Russel Group -Oxford/Cambridge -Apprenticeships -Volunteering opportunities -Access to HE opportunities	1:1 session with careers advisors as requested by students and/or parents.
Year 13	All students will have a d	estination plan guided by d at least one 1:1 career ac	academic tutors.					

## **Partnerships:**

We currently have excellent partnerships with local employers and educational providers. Please see the list below.

- Jacobs
- Tees Valley Careers Hub
- EE
- Cummins

You could get involved by volunteering for mock interview, our careers fair, mentoring, offering work experience placements, providing industry tours or subjects talks. If you would like to discuss ways to get involved, please get in contact.

# **Parents and Carers:**

Parent and Carers are welcome to review and give feedback on the careers provision. This will be done through a parent text through our MyEd app. This will be done termly to ensure your feedback can be used to improve our careers provision. There are also several opportunities through AMD and Careers Fairs that you can feedback to the college.

## Monitoring and Evaluation:

The careers team will review our programme through a full evaluation. We use the CDI framework, the Gatsby Benchmarks and Dots and Law model to ensure our evaluation is rigorous. We are also required to complete a compass review every half term to help us focus where our provision is needed most. Data generated through feedback from students, parents and staff is used to ensure the evaluations can be as accurate as possible. Finally, as a college we report on KS4 and KS5 destinations data. Please see our Careers Policy for more information.