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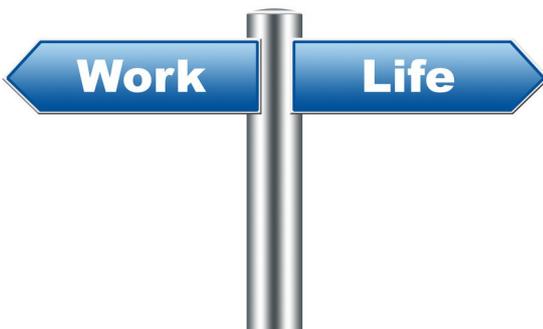


The Mark of Quality
for Careers Education
and Guidance



School Affiliate

Careers & Post 16 Transition



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OUR PLEDGE

We aim to ensure that The Gatsby Benchmarks for Careers Guidance are met:

1. Our students have an embedded programme of career education and guidance that is known and understood by students, parents, teachers, governors and employers.
2. Our students and their parents have access to good quality information about future study options and labour market opportunities. They have the support of an informed careers adviser to make the best use of available information.
3. Opportunities for career guidance are tailored to the needs of each student. Equality and diversity are considered throughout.
4. Teachers link curriculum learning with careers. STEM subject teachers aim to highlight the relevance of STEM subjects for a wide range of career paths.
5. Our students are involved and engaged in the design, delivery and evaluation of information, advice and guidance
6. We aim to give our students multiple opportunities to learn from employers about work, employment and the skills that are required in the work place.
7. We aim for all of our students to have first hand experiences of the workplace through work visits or work experience.
8. Every student has opportunities for guidance interviews with our full time qualified careers adviser.



RAISING PARTICIPATION AGE

Raising the Participation Age (RPA) came into effect from summer 2013.

The Government raised the age at which young people are required to participate in education or training.

This means that your child will have to continue in education or training until at least the end of the school year in which they turn 18.

They will have a choice about how they want to participate post-16, which could be through:

- ◆ Full-time education, such as 6th form school or college;
- ◆ Work-based learning, such as an Apprenticeship; or
- ◆ Part-time education or training if they are employed, self employed or volunteering for 20 hours or more a week.

The rationale behind RPA is to give all young people the opportunity to develop the skills they need for adult life and to achieve their full potential. Participating in learning for longer means they are more likely to get the skills and qualifications that will open doors to future employment, help them make the most of their potential, and earn more over their lifetime. Evidence shows that not being in education, employment or training at age 16-18 means young people are more likely to be unemployed, earn less, have a criminal record and suffer from poor health and depression over their lifetime.

More information is available at:

www.parentalguidance.org.uk/help-information/raising-the-participation-age-rpa

Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance at Sir William Stanier.

All SWS students from years 7 to 11 are provided with a range of independent impartial careers guidance opportunities. These are aimed to inform students of the wide range of post 16 options and to inspire students to reach their full potential.

- Sir William Stanier employs a full time qualified Careers & Post 16 Transition Adviser, who ensures that Individual, impartial careers interviews are completed with each student in years 10 & 11 and available to students in all other year groups. The aim of their interviews is to inform students of post 16 options, to identify any barriers to a successful post 16 progression, to create an action plan to resolve these barriers and to inspire students to achieve their potential. The results are shared with parents or carers. Students can access as many careers interviews as are required in order for them to achieve a successful post 16 transition.
- SWS has excellent contacts with a wide range of local post 16 education providers and employers to help students to understand 'real' work and educational opportunities.
- Students have access to a wide variety of trips and visits, with targeted events, both internally and externally, with the aim of inspiring students and preparing them for the next stage of their education or training and beyond. These include speakers from the world of work, industry visits, taster events at local colleges and 6th forms, Careers Fairs (internally and externally), visits to higher education institutions, student finance presentations and Interview workshops.
- Students have access to online resources and labour market intelligence including Eclips (SWS subscribes to this excellent resource), National Apprenticeship Service, National Careers Service and UCAS.
- Our full time Careers & Post 16 Transition Adviser attends statutory reviews to ensure our most vulnerable students are fully supported in their post 16 transition. SWS works closely with Cheshire East authority to support these students.
- Our Careers & Post 16 Transition Adviser is available for year 11 leavers on results day and for the week following this, to provide advice and guidance to students and parents
- A thorough PSHCE programme is in place with a clear focus on enterprise skills, experience and qualifications. Enterprise events have included a Race Day in conjunction with Bentley Motors, a Dragon's Den challenge and Christmas Fairs.
- After leaving SWS at the end of year 11 our Careers & Post 16 Transition Adviser is still available to provide support to any students who find they are struggling in



SIGNPOSTS TO HELPFUL WEBSITES AND CONTACTS

Careers guidance and exploration

login.startprofile.com: structured and progressive careers activities, START helps students make informed decisions about future study and career options. All SWS students have a password to access this programme and it is used regularly.

www.eclips-online.co.uk: Password for SWS is kiosha14

nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk: For a wide range of careers information including job profiles.

www.brightknowledge.org: Information about career pathways and subject specific careers .

Apprenticeships

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk: Lists all apprenticeships nationally. Can also apply from this site.

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk: advice on apprenticeships, foundation degrees, jobs and gap years.

totalpeople.co.uk: Apprenticeships and work based learning programmes.

Higher Education

ucas.com: Research and compare uni courses and their entry requirements across all UK universities:

www.unistats.com: Compare and review universities and courses using statistics

www.which.co.uk/university: Search for courses by entry requirements:

www.push.co.uk: University choice information and a quirky alternative insight into student life.

www.whatuni.com: Student articles, information and comparisons:



Public Services

Cheshire Police: cheshire.police.uk

Cheshire Fire: cheshirefire.gov.uk

NHS: stepintothenhs.uk: email - inspiring.futures@mcht.nhs.uk

NHS: Work Experience apply via web site: www.mcht.nhs.uk/work-for-us/work-experience

Voluntary work at Leighton Hospital: email - emma.clarke@mcht.nhs.uk or call 01270 612311

Armed Forces

Royal Air Force: raf.mod.uk

British Army: army.mod.uk

Navy: navy.mod.uk

Colleges & 6th Form

Reaseheath College

reaseheath.ac.uk

Reaseheath College is a specialist land-based College, offering Diplomas from Foundation Level to Higher Education courses as well as apprenticeships.

Cheshire College South & West

Cheshire College South & West provides a wide range of post 16 courses from entry level to degree level. Students can choose from a Diploma or A levels to find the option that is right for them. The College funds training for apprentices through Cheshire College South & West as a training provider. Course details and apprenticeship vacancies are available on the web site.

<https://www.ccs.ac.uk/>



Crewe Engineering & Design UTC
creweutc.co.uk

West Street
Crewe, CW1 2PZ
Telephone: 07718667376
Email: enquiries@utc.crewe.co.uk

Malbank 6th form
malbank.cheshire.sch.uk

Welsh Row,
Nantwich,
Cheshire, CW5 5HD

Email: admin@malbank.cheshire.sch.uk
Phone: 01270 611009

Sandbach College
Sandbach.college.co.uk

Middlewich Road,
Sandbach, CW11 3NT
Email: office@sandhigh.cheshire.sch.uk
Phone: 01270 765031

Sandbach School 6th Form
sandbachschool.org

Crewe Road, Sandbach
Cheshire CW11 3NS
Email: enquiries@sandbachschool.org
Phone: 01270 758870



Sir John Deanes 6th Form College

sjd.ac.uk

Sir John Deane's College

Monarch Drive,

Northwich,

Cheshire.

CW9 8AF

Telephone: 01606 810020

Alsager 6th Form

www.alsagerschool.org

Hassall Road,

Alsager, Cheshire,

ST7 2HR

Email: admin@alsagerschool.org

Telephone: 01270 871100

Brine Leas 6th form

bl6.org.uk

Audlem Road,

Nantwich, Cheshire

CW5 7DY

Admissions: bl6admissions@bl6.org.uk

Email: admin@bl6.org.uk

Phone: 01270 621612

Finalise your plans...apply for chosen course(s), attend interviews.

Check your progress regularly via assessment data, teachers, TA's...

Further research... via internet, open prospectus, open evenings, taster days, careers fairs...

Choose your progression route & plan how to get there...

Get the Information...



Individual support. Year 11 CEAIG Meeting(s), including support with applications etc.

Individual Support.
Initial CEIAG meeting, Identify any barriers to success. Research pathways and careers. Action Plan completed and individual information pack compiled to take home.



'Your Career is not just about a job but your whole life!'