

Careers Education & Information & Guidance Policy

1 The Policy Statement

1.1 Purpose

Careers Education helps young people to develop the knowledge, confidence and skills that they need to make well-informed, thought-through choices and plans that enable them to progress smoothly into further learning and work, now and in the future. As an academy we must ensure that high quality information and guidance enables our pupils to make the best of their talents and achieve their ambitions by choosing the pathway that is right for them.

1.2 Aims

Delta Academies Trust has a statutory requirement when delivering careers education in its Academies, to ensure that information about learning options and careers is presented impartially and that advice promotes the best interests of pupils. We aim to ensure that our programmes:

- Empowers young people to plan and manage their own futures
- Responds to the needs of each learner
- Provides comprehensive information and advice
- Raises aspirations
- Actively promotes equality of opportunity and challenges stereotypes
- Helps young people to progress

2 Entitlement Statements

2.1 Student entitlement

Teachers in the academies and qualified career professionals will support students' career development in a number of ways including:

- Information and discussion in lessons, drop-down days and assemblies to help students make informed decisions about their future.
- Access to careers advisers in a variety of ways including individual meetings,
- Drop-in sessions, enrichment activities and on results days.
- Careers information and I.T based careers programmes.
- Information and updates on notice boards, plasma screens and the academy website.
- The academy uses a tracking system to identify the needs of all students to target students who require early or additional support in their transition. Students, parents/carers and academy staff can refer students for one-to-one careers support. Students can access CEIAG through one-to-one interviews, workshops and enrichment activities.

2.2 Parent/Carer entitlement

Parents can access careers support for their child in a variety of ways including:

- individual meetings
- drop-in sessions, options and parents evenings and on results days
- Careers information and computer-based careers programmes, such as U-explore and Eclips
- Information and updates on the academies' website and Twitter

2.3 Equality and Diversity

The careers education and guidance delivery satisfies the requirements of the Academy's Equal Opportunities Policy. All students, regardless of their race, class, gender, faith or special educational needs, have the same access to our resources, wherever possible.

3 Delivery of the CEIAG provision

3.1 Place within the Curriculum and Tutorial Support system

The careers curriculum has been devised following the guidance of the ACEG National Framework for all year groups in core provision and/or drop-down days. This is supplemented by the following:

- Programme of assemblies, enrichment workshops and external visits.
- Inset for staff includes training and updates on careers information by qualified careers professionals.
- On drop-down days a wide variety of companies and apprenticeship providers may also attend offering advice and guidance.
- Academies may also organize specific events for parents/carers and students to provide specialist support.

3.2 Monitoring and tracking of young people

Delta Academies Trust places a responsibility on its Academies to maintain a full and comprehensive tracking system that gives every student a RAG rating for intervention.

The academy tracks:

- Intended destinations
- Supports the September Guarantee and Activity Survey, (collecting data on sixth form, apprenticeship starters)
- Offering individualized support to those students who are at risk of becoming NEET or become NEET.
- The academy maintains records of all CEIAG interventions and interviews.
- Vulnerable students who are at risk of becoming NEET are referred to their Local Authority team for additional support.

4 Management of CEIAG Provision

4.1 Management

The CEIAG Programme and work experience is planned and implemented by the nominated member of SLT and involves working closely with the staff, students, parents and the wider community. This area is supported by a nominated link member of the Education Advisory Board.

4.2 Staffing

All staff contribute to CEIAG through their roles as Tutors, Subject Teachers, Curriculum Leaders Heads of Year, Heads of House, Heads of Sixth Form or as a Careers Professional. Staff training is provided on a regular basis and updates are given in briefing or circulated via the VLE. Staff are provided with guidance sheets, handouts and option booklets. All staff have access to the u-explore website which includes specific information and resources.

4.3 Provision of external and Independent careers guidance

Independent and impartial careers advice and guidance is provided via qualified careers professionals, a range of CEIAG computer-based programmes and websites in addition to our links with businesses and training providers. Students are also encouraged to access the National Careers Service via a link on the academy website.

4.4 Other formal and informal partnerships

The academy has a range of formal and informal partnership arrangements including with post-16 providers, colleges, employers, HE and training providers.

4.5 Information resources

A range of careers information, in a variety of formats, is provided in the Careers Room and the Learning Resource Centre so that it is accessible to all students. Resources are managed in the academy to ensure that they are up to date and meet the needs of all students. The u-explore program also provides quality assured information, links to other approved websites and online resources are also signposted.

4.6 Budget

Funding is allocated in the academy to a careers annual budget, maximum use will be made of quality assured free resources and currency/longevity of careers materials is taken into consideration when purchased priced materials.

4.7 Staff development

All staff should have access to a minimum of 1 hour per year through CPD time to update themselves in relation to current developments in careers pathways. Specific needs are identified in conjunction with the academy CPD co-ordinator and reviewed on an annual basis.

4.8 Monitoring, review and evaluation

A report will be submitted to the Educational Advisory Board on an annual basis, including an account of activities, a review of progress and an evaluation of pupil and parental response to provision.

Appendix A: Leadership & Management

Position	Name	Title
EAB Member	Gareth Mason	Assistant Director Education
Academy Leader of Careers	Mr Dave Bond	Careers Lead
Operational Leader of Careers	Mrs Jess Bramwell	Assistant Principal

Appendix B: Staffing

Position	Name	Title
Learning Managers	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Curriculum Leaders	Ms N West Mr C Ashley Mrs E Chipchase Mr M Nolan Mrs K Stephenson / Mr P Carmody Mrs H Gregory (Acting)	English Mathematics Science History Geography MFL

	Mr Z Iqbal Mrs N Powell Mrs A Hudson / Mrs E Fothergill Mrs K Penney Mrs D Considine	ICT Performance Art Technology Citizenship and RE
Teachers	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Tutors	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.

Appendix C: Provision of External and Independent Careers Guidance

Organisation	Name	Title
CareersInc	Mrs Rebecca Vickers Mrs Karen Humphryes	Careers Advisor Careers Advisor

Appendix D: Other Formal & Informal Partnerships

Organisation	Name	Title
Barnsley College New College Pontefract Shelley College BMBC	Mrs Lynn Padgett Mr Neil Mumby Mr Greg Wadsworth Mrs Helen Valentine	Information Advisor Assistant Principal Student Recruitment Officer Enterprise Adviser

Appendix E: Information Resources

Organisation	Resource	Location
U-Explore	U-Explore Online	Academy Website
Careers room / Library	Careers Office	A316
Noticeboards	Careers Notice Board	Floor 2

Appendix F: Careers Education Plan – Embedded in U-Explore

Curriculum Activities and Progression Year Group	The Big Question	Learning Outcomes (PHSE, ACEG)
Year 7	What are the first steps towards your careers?	Understand more about your self-development. Know where to look for useful information (Careers exploration). Plan for the future (Careers management)
Year 8	What strengths do you need to meet the demands of the workplace?	Understand what strengths you have and how they can be exploited in your career.

		Know where and how you can apply these skills. Look at your options (Career exploration)
Year 9	How do you integrate your education with your calling/ career?	Understand more about your options and there pathways. Develop your career exploration. Plan for the future (Career management).
Year 10	What do you need to do to prepare yourself for your future?	Understand the pathways into the World of Work Learn more about the work place. Learn how to apply for work
Year 11	What do you need to do to monitor and evaluate the process of your transition into the World of Work?	Understand more about the skills you possess and how they can be used in your career development. Look at your options for career exploration. Plan for your future career.
Year 12	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
Year 13	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.

Appendix G: Student Entitlement

Investing in your Future

The careers education and guidance programme at Darton Academy seeks to positively support you to acquire the educational, social and employability skills necessary for lifelong success in a diverse and changing world of work.

We will support you to aim high in your career goals and aspirations.

As a pupil at Darton Academy you are entitled to a careers education and guidance programme which:

- is personal to you and always puts your interests first
- motivates and inspires you to consider all opportunities open to you within and outside Darton Academy
- helps you to gain the skills you need to make your career ambitions a reality
- provides the support you need to be successful
- helps you access any additional support you might need
- is delivered by trained and qualified teachers and advisers, with up-to-date knowledge and understanding of career pathways and local labour market information
- protects and respects your personal information and shares it only with your consent
- always puts your interests first

Together with a range of career professionals, businesses and training providers we will support your career development in a number of ways including:

- Information and discussion in lessons and assemblies to help you make decisions about your future
- Activities and events such as employability days
- Access to careers advisers in a variety of ways including individual meetings, drop-in sessions, enrichment activities and on results days
- Careers information and computer-based careers programmes
- Information and updates on notice boards and plasma screens
- The Darton Academy website

Appendix H: Parents Entitlement.

Investing in your Son/ Daughter's Future

Research has consistently shown that parents and carers are **the** most influential factor in students' decisions about the future. Your support and encouragement influences their choices, and the guidance you provide will be invaluable to their eventual achievements and career pathways. This might feel a little daunting...the jobs of the future may be very different from your own experiences and choices. In fact, they may not even be invented yet!

There are some very simple and practical steps you can take to support your child.

- Talk to them about their current educational attainment and estimated grades and encourage them to aim high (the skills shortages of the future will be in higher level jobs)
- Discuss where they want to be and research how to get there (lots of great resources in the Academy and on the internet)
- Use the links on the academy website: dartonacademy.org.uk
- Encourage them to seek out the advice and experiences they need to help them achieve their goals
- Help them with the steps they need to take

Together with a range of career professionals, businesses and training providers we will support your son's/daughter's career development in a number of ways including:

- Information and discussion in lessons and assemblies to help them make decisions about your future
- Activities and events such as employability days
- Access to careers advisers in a variety of ways including individual meetings, drop-in sessions, enrichment activities, parents and option evenings and on results days
- Careers information and computer-based careers programmes
- Information and updates on notice boards, plasma screens and websites

You are welcome to attend your child's careers meeting and we encourage you to contact Darton Academy if you need any more help or information.

Appendix I: Provider Entitlement.

This appendix sets out the Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the Academy for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the Academy's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact: **Name:** Mr D Bond, **Job title:** Careers Lead
Telephone: 01226 382 568 Email: info@dartonacademy.org.uk

Opportunities for access

The Academy will arrange a Careers and Aspirations Day in the first term (September-December) as part of the next step planning and setting the aspirations of our students. This day is integrated into the Academy careers programme and will offer providers an opportunity to come into Academy to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers. Details of these can be found within this policy and the careers section of the website.

Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The Academy will make space available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The Academy 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 a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Room, which is managed by our Careers Professionals. The Careers Room is available to all students at lunch and break times.