

Darton Academy achieves quality standard for careers work

Darton Academy, in Barnsley, has been recognised for its outstanding careers work this week, 12 January 2023. The school has been awarded the national Quality in Careers Standard awarded under licence by Ixion (Part of the Shaw Trust Group). The Quality in Careers Standard is awarded to schools and education providers who can demonstrate the importance they place on careers and how they support students to make decisions about their life after school.

Darton Academy continually works to improve the chances and opportunities of all the students. Recognising the importance of preparing students for their future careers, the school began working towards the national Quality in Careers Standard.

There is a statutory duty to 'secure independent careers guidance' for all students from Year 8 onwards and the Department for Education also recommends that all schools should be required to work towards the national Quality in Careers Standard.

Achieving the national Quality in Careers Standard shows the principal, governors and leadership team at Darton Academy embrace, promote and endorse quality careers education and recognise its centrality in the overall success of the school and its students. The school offers a range of activities to introduce students to the world of work and help them make decisions about life after school including: an annual Careers Day, expert careers advice with support from Progress Careers, regular trips and experiences with local, regional and national employers, weekly Careers Cafés on 'Future Fridays' and an ambitious careers curriculum from Year 8 to Year 11.

Mrs Anna Rooney, Executive Principal at Darton Academy said:

"We are delighted to have achieved the national Quality in Careers Standard awarded by Ixion (Part of the Shaw Trust Group). At Darton Academy we are committed to delivering an ambitious careers curriculum which helps students develop the knowledge, skills and experience to go out into the world and achieve personal success. The QiC Standard has provided a flexible framework that enabled us to audit our work on careers and ensure our students are receiving advice, practical support and experience so they are prepared for the next stage of their education, employment, self-employment or training."

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