

Our Vision and Ethos

We are proud to be part of the United Learning family of schools and share a common ambition to achieve 'The best in everyone'. At the Hyndburn Academy, we are committed to ensuring we achieve this vision by:

- Providing equal opportunities for all students;
- Encouraging all students to achieve their full potential;
- Promoting tolerance, sensitivity and understanding

We aim to achieve this by enabling each member of the school community to develop and flourish within a caring, safe and supportive environment.

A young person's career is their pathway through learning and work. All young people need a planned programme of activities to help them make 14-16 choices that are right for them and to be able to manage their careers throughout their lives.

The Hyndburn Academy is committed to providing a planned programme of careers education for students covering information, advice and guidance (IAG).

Our Aim is to enable students to:

- Have the skills, knowledge, and attitude to make well-informed, realistic decisions.
- Plan their future choices and understand how to access CEIAG.
- Understand how educational achievements are linked to maximising their potential future choices.
- Ensure that that all pupils have access to external sources of information on the full range of education and training options.
- Ensure that arrangements are in place for training and education providers to inform pupils of technical education and apprenticeships to ensure every pupil is well informed about their future options.
- Make an informed choice about an academic option for those interested in going to university, and a technical route, including T levels or an apprenticeship, for those seeking to progress to the highest levels of skilled employment or technical education and training at levels 4, 5 and 6.

The school is focused on developing a careers programme to meet The Gatsby Benchmarks in partnership with Lancashire County Council and other relevant guidance from the DfE and Ofsted.

The Gatsby Benchmarks

1. A stable careers programme
2. Learning from career and labour market information.
3. Addressing the needs of each student.
4. Linking curriculum learning to careers.
5. Encounters with employers and employees.
6. Experience of workplaces.
7. Encounters with further and higher education.
8. Personal guidance.

The policy was developed and will be reviewed annually through discussions with the Senior Leadership team, teaching staff, the school's Careers Leader, students, parents and governors.

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for teaching and learning, assessment, recording and reporting achievement, work related learning and enterprise, equality and diversity, health and safety, gifted and talented and special educational needs.

The careers programme is designed to meet the needs of students at this school. It is differentiated and personalised to ensure progression through activities that are appropriate to students' stages of career learning, planning and development.

A provision is made for careers education information, advice and guidance that meets professional standards of practice and is person-centred, impartial and confidential. It will be integrated into students' experience of the whole curriculum and be based on a partnership with students and their parents or carers. The programme will promote equality of opportunity and inclusion. There are particular groups who have to have a one to one guidance interview with the Careers Leader, for instance - special needs, gifted and talented or vulnerable students. However, all students will have the opportunity to meet with the Career Leader for advice through drop in sessions and planned appointments.

Students in Year 11 accessing Alternative Provision will require targeted and personalised support to help them achieve their full potential. The school will work in partnership with the Alternative Provision to ensure support and advice is given during their transition period into post 16 further education, employment or training.

At The Hyndburn Academy School, the Careers Leader manages the careers programme and is responsible to the Head teacher.

All staff contribute to the careers education provision through their roles as form tutors and subject teachers. The careers programme is planned, monitored and evaluated.

The careers programme includes careers education sessions, career guidance activities (group work and individual reviews), information and research activities work related learning and Careers is part of the school's Personal Development programme.

Other focused events, e.g. Careers fairs, FE Taster Days, employer visits days are planned on an annual basis. Information on college, sixth form and training providers will be available on the schools Careers notice board and pupils will be made aware during form times and assemblies.

The annual Careers Plan and Service Level Agreement is available on the school website and reviewed at the end of every academic year.

Monitoring, Review and Evaluation

Termly review meetings are held by key members of the guidance community within school. The Careers Leader attends meetings with CEIAG staff from local schools with a view to developing good practice. The CEIAG programme is reviewed three times a year by completing an 'Audit and Review' process which produces a report is submitted to the senior leadership team and governors. Action research evaluation of different aspects of CEIAG is undertaken regularly.


Links to Other Policies

The policy for CEIAG supports and is itself underpinned by the school's other policies, processes and procedures.

Review

Details of the school's careers programme is published on the school's website. This policy was developed and is reviewed biennially in discussion with teaching staff, pupils, parents, governors and advisory staff.

The next policy review will be in May 2025.

Signed by Head Teacher:  May 2024.

Ratified by Governors: February 2023 No changes to policy.