Employability Manor Green School

2022

Our Target Group

- Students are introduced to 'Employability' when they join the Middle School.
- All Middle School and Upper School students in the Independence and Towards Independence Clusters participate in Enterprise and Employability lessons.
- Where possible, Orchard and Usborne Clusters are invited to participate.

Good Career Guidance is important for social mobility because it helps open pupils' eyes to careers they may not have considered...

Gatsby Benchmarks

- Sir John Holman, was asked to undertake an independent, international review of career guidance.
- From all of this, Sir John wrote the <u>Good Career</u> <u>Guidance Report</u>.
- In the report he identifies what 'good' looks like and outlines a framework of eight benchmarks that schools can use to improve their career guidance system.

The 8 Benchmarks

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

A Stable Careers Programme

Every school and college should have an embedded programme of career education and guidance that is known and understood by pupils, parents, teachers, governors and employers.

- We have partnered with Optalis and receive support from, Ways Into Work to ensure that all our school leavers who would like to work have access to support and guidance. Students, and parents can access support form our in-house careers adviser Sara McKay
- Careers at Every Level is a careers programme for young people with a range of learning difficulties which improves the possibility and probability of paid work through classroom based career coaching, employer engagement including work experience and Enterprise. Our Upper School Students follow this programme integrated into their English curriculum.
- Bambino is an careers programme for Primary Schools helping children develop STEM Employability Skills through Enterprise projects and is cross curricular. Our Middle School Students access this programme weekly.
- Additionally, we are looking to partner with 'Enabling Enterprise' to further develop the employability curriculum, basing the curriculum around a project based learning approach.

Learning from Career and Labour Market Information

Every pupil, and their parents, should have access to good quality information about future study options and labour market opportunities. They will need the support of an informed adviser to make best use of available information.

- Sara McKay our in-house careers adviser works closely with students and teaching staff in the Upper School.
- The Careers and Enterprise Company provides current market information to ensure students are aspiring to work in areas where there are opportunities.
- The Careers and Enterprise Company also provides updated resources about opportunities.

Addressing the Needs of the Pupils

Pupils have different career guidance needs at different stages. Opportunities for advice and support need to be tailored to the needs of each pupil. A school's careers programme should embed equality and diversity considerations throughout.

- We have introduced employability at many levels across the school.
- All students access Life Skills and Pathway based lessons in preparation for adulthood, making use of both on and offsite facilities.
- Most students take part in internal work experience (e.g. café, reception and facilities).
- Some students experience external work experience or supported internships.

Linking Curriculum Learning to Careers

All teachers should link curriculum learning with careers. STEM subject teachers should highlight the relevance of STEM subjects for a wide range of future career paths.

- Careers coaching is delivered through the English curriculum and through school enterprise, incorporating STEM subjects.
- Students have tasters of many internal work experience areas such as working with facilities, café, reception, first school etc.
- Curriculum is being further developed to be based around project based learning.

Encounters with Employers and Employees

Every pupil should have multiple opportunities to learn from employers about work, employment and the skills that are valued in the workplace. This can be through a range of enrichment activities including visiting speakers, mentoring and enterprise schemes.

- The concept of 'Enterprise' has started to be embedded within MGS, Christmas Fayre and other enterprise activities by individual classes.
- Activity Week will be based around an Enterprise Challenge.
- Ways into Work support some students in gaining external work experience and supported employment.
- One student has joined a supported internship (2021/22).

Experiences of Workplaces

Every pupil should have first-hand experiences of the workplace through work visits, work shadowing and/or work experience to help their exploration of career opportunities, and expand their networks.

	Independence clusters	Towards Independence Clusters	
	Enterprise		
Middle school	Life Skills/Pathways	Life Skills/Pathways	
	Internal work experience	Life Skills	
	Enterprise		
Upper school	Pathways/Internal/extern al work/ experience	Pathways/Life Skills/internal work experience	

Encounters with Further and Higher Education

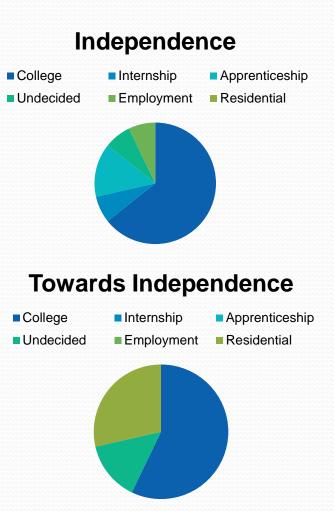
All pupils should understand the full range of learning opportunities that are available to them. This includes both academic and vocational routes and learning in schools, colleges, universities and in the workplace.

Independence Clusters		Towards Independence Clusters	
College at the end of Year 11	Live and work independently	College at the end of Year 14	Social Care placement Volunteering

Students have the opportunity to visit colleges prior to selecting their course and are assisted in their choice to ensure the course is suitable to their need and ability. The transition process is fully supported.

Encounters with Further and Higher Education cont...

Potential Leavers Destinations 2017/18			
Cluster	Plan for next year		
Independence	College		
Independence	Internship		
Independence	College		
Independence	College		
Independence	Apprenticeship		
Towards Independence	College		
Independence	Apprenticeship		
Independence	College		
Specialist	Residential		
Independence	TBD		
Towards Independence	TBD		
Independence	College		
Towards Independence	Residential College		
Independence	College		
Independence	College		
Towards Independence	College		
Independence	College		
Independence	Employment		
Independence	College		
Towards Independence	Residential College		
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Personal Guidance

Every pupil should have opportunities for guidance interviews with a career adviser, who could be internal (a member of school staff) or external, provided they are trained to an appropriate level. These should be available whenever significant study or career choices are being made. They should be expected for all pupils but should be timed to meet their individual needs.

- Sara McKay is Level 7 qualified independent careers adviser offering advice to all students as required. All school leavers will be met and supported. Individual career action plans will be written.
- All teachers differentiate learning to meet individual needs.
- Ways into Work support students in gaining supported employment and work experience opportunities.
- EHCP reviews: targeted outcomes for transition.

Action Plan – Gatsby Recommendations

Recommendation	Action
Embedding the Gatsby Benchmarks	 Develop our own more structured cross-curricular career programme Further embed the careers curriculum throughout the school
Careers Plan	Finalise careers plan and publish on school website
Destinations Data	 Collate for three years after leaving Prioritised careers guidance Ensure students are leaving Manor Green at the right time and at to the right destination
National Careers Service	Forge links with National Careers Service to collaborate with employers and create careers plan
Develop awareness of career and labour market information	 Work closely with The Careers and Enterprise Company to ensure students are accessing appropriate opportunities
Develop Curriculum Learning Opportunities	 Incorporate Enterprise and Employability into lessons Work closely with Enabling Enterprise to develop a project based learning curriculum Design a Life Skills and Employability curriculum framework to fully prepare students for life beyond Manor Green
Encounters with Employers	 Work closely with Ways into Work and Optalis Engage and forge links with local companies and employers Improve on site work experience opportunities, e.g. cafe Widen areas of offsite work experience Increase the number of apprenticeship and internship opportunities
Employer Governors	 Allocate a member of the governing body (who has a remit to encourage employer engagement) to take a strategic interest in career guidance
Young Ambassadors	 Invite alumni to return to school and speak to current students about their chosen career or courses of study
Careers Advisors	 Work closely with Ways into Work and Opatlis Career Advisor employed fulltime to support students.