

Careers Overview

Bluebank School



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Impartial Careers Advice:

Bluebank School utilise an established careers guidance service, designed to meet the specific needs of our pupils.

The Futures Team is made up of ten highly trained Regional Futures Advisors. Each of them has a Level 6 or 7 qualification in Careers Guidance or is a supported apprentice, complemented by specialist expertise in working with young people who have additional or complex needs.

Each Advisor covers a distinct region of the UK, with responsibility for a maximum of 10 schools each. The offering includes:

- Interaction with every student annually, to ensure that each young person's voice is heard.
- Support in identifying and sourcing meaningful work experience opportunities.
- School and staff support through training, assessment, consultation and implementation of strategy and provision.
- Annual audits of the provision, to ensure each school is meeting and complying with the Careers Development Institute and Gatsby benchmarks.

Our advisors will also be a consistent and accessible point of contact for both students and school colleagues.

The Futures Team can offer more 1:1 time with students, and to make that time more meaningful and effective. Our approach is holistic and comprehensive, looking beyond careers alone, to consider hobbies and independent skills and interest. By understanding how best to engage the young person in planning for their own future, our advisors will be able to identify opportunities that will *really* inspire students.

In addition to this, the Futures Team will work with students to obtain exciting and impactful work experience opportunities that is also at times supported by the Dream Big Foundation. It is our aim to ensure that every student can pursue their vocational passions, regardless of how unique the goal.

Many of these opportunities have been tailored to accommodate the individual needs of our young people. We are able to provide 1:1 support, in a comfortable setting, to allow students to really gain the best from their experience.

By meeting with each student within a primary setting, we are able to spend as much time and energy as possible on finding the right opportunity for them to Dream Big.

Bluebank School has the support of impartial advisor Anna Leese. Anna is a RCDP Level 6 advisor.

Bluebank School will also receive support from Kelly Guther, RCDP Level 7, who will monitor all aspects of Quality Assurance to ensure compliance.

Curriculum:

The school has access to the group's primary careers curriculum. This maps to the CDI's aim and objectives and ensures progression throughout the school in preparation for

mandatory elements with KS3. The curriculum encourages assessment through AQA unit awards allowing learners to achieve. The curriculum at KS4 follows the Princes Trust SoW and pupils will achieve a L3 Entry or L1/2 qualification in Personal Development and Employability.

Work Experience:

The school will be supported to offer where appropriate access to external work experiences in areas suited to the learners that promote life skills. Internal work experience opportunities will also be offered in areas such as tutor shadowing to build independence and confidence.

Guest Speakers

In readiness for Provider Access in KS3, learners where appropriate will begin to meet with guest speakers and visitors who can support in exploration of the wider world.