

## 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 Academy Advisory Body.

### **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	Chris Wilson	<a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
Academy Leader of Careers	Neil Cairns	Vice Principal
Operational Leader of Careers	Neil Cairns	Vice Principal

#### Appendix B: Staffing

Position	Name	Title
Learning Managers	Michelle Wilkinson	Learning Manager (Sixth Form)
	Sheila Welch	Learning Manager Year 11
	Karen Falkingham	Learning Manager Year 10
	Damon Johnston	Learning Manager Year 9
	Sandra Fotheringham	Learning Manager Year 8
Curriculum Leaders	Elaine Sprott	Learning Manager Year 7
	Mrs L Mundin	Curriculum Leader – English
	Mr M Wilkinson	Curriculum Leader – Maths
	Mr M Liddle	Curriculum Leader – Science

	<p>Mrs V Wright Mr D Seddon Mrs K Whitter Mr D Hildreth Mr B Reynolds</p> <p>Mrs H Weyman</p>	<p>Curriculum Leader –Humanities Curriculum Leader –MFL Curriculum Leader –Art Curriculum Leader –PE Curriculum Leader –ICT &amp; Media Curriculum Leader –Performing Arts and Design Technology</p>
Teachers	<p>Miss S Abeysekera Miss M Allott Mr N Cairns Mrs A Callaghan Mrs P Claybourn Mrs K Conlon Mr J Dancocks Mrs D Della Monica Miss T Greenall Mrs E Guest Mr P Henderson Mr D Henry Mr J Higgins Mr D Hildreth Mr T Hodson Mrs K Hudson Mrs C Kelly Mr M Liddle Miss S Mckenzie Mr V Marklew Mr A Moffatt Miss J Mouncey Mrs Y Murray Mr P Offler Mrs T Page Mr B Reynolds Mr J Rotheram Mr D Seddon Miss M Shaplin Mr P Shaw Miss L Sims Mrs H Weyman Mrs K Whitter Mr M Wilkinson Mrs V Wright Mrs K Yates</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a></p>
Tutors	<p>Miss M Allott</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a></p>

	<p>Mrs P Claybourn Mrs K Conlon Mr J Dancocks Mrs D Della Monica Miss T Greenall Mrs E Guest Mr D Henry Mr D Hildreth Mr T Hodson Mrs K Hudson Mrs C Kelly Mr M Liddle Miss S Mckenzie Mr A Moffatt Miss J Mouncey Mrs Y Murray Mr P Offler Mrs T Page Mr B Reynolds Mr J Rotheram Mr D Seddon Miss M Shaplin Mr P Shaw Mrs H Weyman Mrs K Whitter Mr M Wilkinson Mrs V Wright Mrs K Yates</p>	
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#### Appendix C: Provision of External and Independent Careers Guidance

Organisation	Name	Title
Delta Academies Trust	Helen Green	Guidance Professional

#### Appendix D: Other Formal & Informal Partnerships

Organisation	Name	Title
Oracle	Ms C Watson	Training Manager
DCLT	Ms T Illman	Quality and Training Manager
Engage Training	Mr G Burgess	Training Manager
RNN Group of Colleges	Mr N Dale & Mr G Lastra	14-16 School Provision Officer and 14-16 School Liaison Officer

### Appendix E: Information Resources

Organisation	Resource	Location
U-Explore	U-Explore Online	Academy Website
Careers room / Library	Leaflets, handouts and books.	De Vinci Corridor
Noticeboards	Careers and information displays throughout the year.	De Vinci Corridor, Year 11 and sixth form areas

### Appendix F: Careers Education Plan – Embedded in U-Explore (Under Development)

### Appendix G: Student Entitlement

#### Investing in your Future

The careers education and guidance programme at Ash Hill 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 Ash Hill 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 Ash Hill 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 Ash Hill 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: <http://ashhillacademy.org.uk/links>
- 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 Ash Hill 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:** Neil Cairns, **Job title:** Vice Principal  
Telephone: 01302 840961 Email: [cairnsn@ashhillacademy.org.uk](mailto:cairnsn@ashhillacademy.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 the Academy to speak to pupils and their parents/carers.

There will also be other opportunities throughout the year, for example, Employability Days

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 Professional. The Careers Room is available to all students at lunch and break times.