

Agenda Item:

Meeting	Full Corporation
Date of Meeting	8 th July 2026
Title of Report	<i>Sixth Form Careers Policy 26-27</i>
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Purpose of Paper	For Information	
	For Comment/Discussion	
	For Approval by Full Corporation	YES

Executive Summary: *(Summarise in bullet points the key issues – do not repeat what is written in the main body of the paper). This section should be clear and concise.*

Updates/changes to last year's policy:

- Aims section now includes:
Reference to the newly named B Skilled Programme, Live Briefs and Workplace Safaris as well as the new 'Supporting Transitions evening:
 - I. *To develop employability skills by offering careers-related activities within the curriculum, the B Skilled Programme and by providing opportunities for all students to gain experiences of the workplace via in-college live briefs and external workplace safaris.*
 - VI. *To enable parents and carers to support their son/daughter in their career planning, by providing access to key sources of careers information online and via in-college activities such as the Parents Progression Information evening, ('Beyond B6.') and the 'Supporting Transitions' evening for parents of supported students.*

- The Implementation section now includes:

References to B Skilled (the new name for PGP)

XIV. Annual transition information evening for parents of supported students - 'Supporting Transitions.'

- New references and sources:

Young People and work: interim report, (June 2026)

Associated Key Risks (as identified in the College's Risk Register) <i>If a new risk is identified, confirm that this risk has been added to the risk register.</i>	Risk No.	Risk

Link to Strategic Development Plan	Objective No(s).	
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Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance, (CEIAG) Policy

This policy has been written with regard to the statutory guidance “Careers Guidance and access for education and training providers” published by the Department for Education, May 2025, which is issued under Section 45A of the Education Act 1997.

The college conforms to the eight Gatsby Benchmarks and holds both the Quality in Careers Standard and the Matrix Quality Standard for Information, Advice and Guidance.

Rationale

At The Sixth Form, CEIAG, (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) is embedded into all areas of the curriculum, so that our students are well informed and equipped for the next step of their career journey. We support students to ensure that they:

- Develop self-awareness of their skills, strengths and interests in relation to their career options.
- Can confidently research their career ideas.
- Understand the range of post-sixth form options available to them, including apprenticeships, university and employment routes.
- Understand Labour market Information and its impact on the choices that they make.
- Can confidently demonstrate the key skills required by employers and higher education providers.

Aims

- II. To develop employability skills by offering careers-related activities within the curriculum, the B Skilled Programme and by providing opportunities for all students to gain experiences of the workplace via in-college live briefs and external workplace safaris.
- III. To offer all students the opportunity for careers guidance with a qualified careers guidance practitioner, (students can self-refer for careers guidance appointments at any point during their time with us).
- IV. To support inclusion, challenge stereotypes and promote equality of opportunity across all areas of the sixth form.
- V. To work closely with key partners within higher and further education and employment, so that students have direct access to relevant and accurate information which relates to their post-sixth-form career goals.
- VI. To enable parents and carers to support their son/daughter in their career planning, by providing access to key sources of careers information online and via in-college activities such as the Parents Progression Information evening, ('Beyond B6.') and the 'Supporting Transitions' evening for parents of supported students.
- VII. To offer all staff the opportunity for annual CPD in relation CEIAG

- VIII. To provide students with up-to-date careers material via: The careers resource area; the TEAMS virtual careers resource library; the monthly careers newsletter; other online resources and on noticeboards around the sixth form.
- IX. To gather intended destination information at enrolment, which will enable the sixth form to identify and provide appropriate and relevant careers activities for students, which align with their personal career interests.
- X. To work closely with key-staff in learning support, so that students with additional and high needs have access to appropriate and timely careers information, advice and guidance.
- XI. To work closely with Progress Coaches, to ensure students who are at risk of becoming 'NEET,' receive timely interventions from the careers team and (where appropriate), referred to external careers support services.
- XII. To closely monitor the quality of the in-college careers provision via student, staff and parental surveys.

Implementation

- I. The Skills Builder Partnership, identifies the key skills needed to succeed in any career/workplace. Students have the opportunity to develop these skills within their subjects, and this is highlighted by teaching staff during delivery.
- II. Students undertake a Skills-BUILDER audit in 'B Skilled' at key points during their studies, to identify areas for growth as well as existing skill strengths. This is supported within curriculum areas wherever learning takes place which provides students with the opportunity to build on these key skills.
- III. Teaching staff work closely with named stakeholders to link curriculum learning to the skills demands of the workplace, to ensure that our students are well prepared for future study and employment
- IV. Students will be provided with at least two experiences of the workplace within their programme of study, (including live briefs and workplace safaris)
- V. Students will have the opportunity to visit at least one university provider via their programme of study.
- VI. Careers resource area – a range of materials, careers-related books and university prospectuses.
- VII. Virtual TEAMS careers resource library – contains a variety of career and university subject videos, which students can browse and watch at their leisure.
- VIII. Careers notice boards – Key information on digital screens around college. Notice boards with specific information on employability and university provision.
- IX. Career exploration and work experience opportunities are shared with students and staff via the TEAMS platform alongside information on CV writing, personal statement writing, interview technique etc.
- X. Careers learning and exploration opportunities are promoted to staff and students via the monthly newsletter and during tutor group sessions.
- XI. Careers Adviser – available for guidance appointments 5 days a week.
- XII. Annual Careers Day – including careers marketplace and careers/university workshops.
- XIII. Progression information evening for parents, ('Beyond B6') covering the higher education application and finance system and degree apprenticeships.
- XIV. Annual transition information evening for parents of supported students - 'Supporting Transitions.'
- XV. Weekly tutor groups which offer students the opportunity explore and prepare for life after sixth-form.

- XVI. Students encouraged to get involved in the wide range of enrichment activities during their time at The Sixth Form.
- XVII. Labour market/careers information displayed in classrooms.
- XVIII. Bespoke careers-related talks and workshops offered by the careers team, throughout the academic year and are delivered by a range of organisations including, employers, universities and training providers.
- XIX. B Skilled Programme provides the opportunity for further career exploration, understanding of LMI and development of key employability skills which are relevant to individual student's career area of choice. This is delivered as a hybrid of 'live' employability sessions and online learning modules.
- XX. Personal statement 1:1 workshops offered by a range of HE professionals.
- XXI. The Apprenticeship Academy, which is aimed at year 13 students hoping to secure an apprentice and helps them through the recruitment process via a range of workshops and 1:1 sessions.

Monitoring, Review and Evaluation of the CEIAG Policy

- I. Careers programme reviewed and updated annually.
- II. Records kept monitoring careers-related learning activities within departments, using the Careers Tracker on DAVE.
- III. Careers log keeps a record of all careers guidance appointments and action plans recorded against students using the Careers tracker on DAVE.
- IV. Student, parent and staff feedback feeds into the development of the careers programme.
- V. Regular Compass assessment against the Gatsby benchmarks.
- VI. Careers resources updated by the careers team.
- VII. Progression data and NEETS will be reviewed annually and reported to Governors.
- VIII. Intended destination data informs content and delivery of careers programme for the upcoming academic year.
- IX. Careers guidance appointments are 'peer-observed' by a qualified careers advisers from other sixth-form colleges on a yearly basis to ensure they of a high quality and meet the needs of students.
- X. Skills builder audits undertaken in B Skilled which help measure 'distance travelled' in terms of individual student's skills development.
- XI. Key stakeholders support curriculum areas to ensure schemes of work include meaningful opportunities for skill development

Name of Policy	Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance, (CEIAG) Policy
Date Reviewed	June 2026
Next Review	June 2027
JCC Consultation	Not required
Governing Corporation Approval	Required

Cross Reference to other Policies / Source Documents	Provider Access Legislation Policy Accountability Statement (25-26) IT Acceptable Use Policy Code of Conduct Student Contracts Policy Student Behaviour/ Expectations Policy Safeguarding/child protection policy The Baker Clause 2018 Education Act 2011 Skills and Post-16 Act 2022 Young People and work: interim report, (June 2026) Statutory Guidance: Careers guidance and access for education and training providers Statutory Guidance - Skills for Jobs, Lifelong Learning for Opportunity and Growth Skills Builder Partnership Update to Gatsby Benchmark Requirements for FE Colleges https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/young-people-and-work-interim-report/young-people-and-work-interim-report#chapter-6-a-welfare-state-not-designed-for-participation
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