



Walthamstow School For Girls

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee"

Policy Document

Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance Policy

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1. VISION AND ETHOS

Our vision is to provide students with a wealth of careers knowledge and experience to prepare them for real life and to enable them to make the best possible choices for themselves. This includes thorough and up-to-date information on post-16 opportunities. Careers education and guidance is embedded in all areas of school life including in the curriculum, assemblies, extra-curricular activities etc. Our careers education and guidance supports the GREEN vision for learning and will help students to be open minded and not restricted by stereotypes or traditional pathways. All students should feel that they can achieve their goal and should be encouraged to have high aspirations.

2. CONTEXT AND RATIONALE

Section 42A of the Education Act 1997 requires governing bodies to ensure that all registered students at the school are provided with independent careers guidance from year 8 (12-13 year olds) to year 13 (17-18 year olds).

The governing body must ensure that the independent careers guidance provided:

- is presented in an impartial manner, showing no bias or favouritism towards a particular institution, education or work option;
- includes information on the range of education or training options, including apprenticeships and technical education routes;
- is guidance that the person giving it considers will promote the best interests of the pupils to whom it is given.

The CEIAG policy should be read in conjunction with: EO policy, GREEN vision, Careers Provider Access Policy Statement (Appendix A).

3. OBJECTIVE

The school endeavours to follow:

- Careers guidance and access for education and training providers, (Department of Education, last updated July 2021)
- Careers Strategy: making the most of everyone's skills and talents, (Department of Education, December 2017)
- Good Career Guidance - The Gatsby Benchmarks (The Gatsby Charitable Foundation, 2014)

4. DEVELOPMENT

This policy was developed in consultation with the school leadership team, governors and WF careers service. The policy is reviewed every 2 years.

5. STAFFING AND RESOURCES

All staff contribute to the Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) in all capacities. This includes tutors and PSHE teachers as well as support staff. Heads of Departments and other teaching staff will plan, monitor and evaluate the elements of careers education that are delivered in their lessons and will ensure that CEIAG is embedded within their curriculum where appropriate.

6. PARTNERSHIPS

The school works with a range of providers to deliver the CEIAG programme. This includes the Waltham Forest Careers Service, colleges and universities, Business partners and the volunteers who work with us to provide events and activities such as work experience and professional interview day. We involve parents, staff and governors at all opportunities and welcome their support.

7. CAREER & LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION RESOURCES

Staff, students and parents can access information of higher and further education through our website as well as accessing guidance on completing applications and personal statements.

We are working on a broader wealth of information to be available through the website and our library in the near future.

8. MONITORING, REVIEW AND EVALUATION

In order to review and evaluate our CEIAG provision we:

- Communicate regularly with the WF Careers Service
- Use Compass Tool to evaluate our performance against the Gatsby Benchmarks
- Conducting a questionnaire with students following one-to-one careers meetings
- Conducting a survey/questionnaire with students, staff and our volunteers following work experience and professional interview day
- Carry out a CEIAG audit across the school in order to evaluate the impact of our provision and to decide on our next steps

APPENDIX A



Walthamstow School for Girls Careers Provider Access Policy Statement

1. INTRODUCTION

This policy statement sets out Walthamstow School for Girls' arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at our school. The aim of this is for providers to have the opportunity to give information to students about their education or training offer. This complies with our legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1997/44/section/42A>

2. PUPIL ENTITLEMENT

All students years 8 to 11 are entitled to:

- find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities as part of a careers programme which provides information the full range of education and training options available at each transition point;
- hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships - through options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events;
- understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

3. MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUESTS

Procedure:

A provider wishing to request access should contact Marianna Philippou, Assistant Headteacher in the first instance via email on info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Opportunities for access:

A number of events, integrated in to the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers.

Outlined below is the provision we offer to each year group.

4. PREMISES AND FACILITIES

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available as appropriate to each individual activity. The school will make any necessary equipment available e.g. internet access, projectors in order for the provider to be able to carry out their presentations. Individual requirements for events will be discussed with the provider in advance of each event with either the Careers Leader or the relevant member of staff.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy/copies of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the relevant member of staff at school.