

SPRINGWELL LEARNING COMMUNITY - LINCOLNSHIRE



Careers Policy

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One of the key aims of our curriculum model is to “*support students to make positive decisions about their future and next steps*”. We therefore believe that high quality careers education is a crucial part of the education that we provide for our young people.

1. Careers Curriculum Intent

Our careers education curriculum at Springwell has been designed in order to:

- Raise the aspirations of all young people
- Challenge stereotypical thinking (in terms of gender etc)
- Increase motivation by linking activities in school with preparation for life post 16
- Ensure that all students are able to make and plan for positive choices about their future
- Ensure that all students have a positive destination to move onto when they leave Springwell
- Meet the Gatsby Benchmarks and our statutory requirements under section 42a of the Education Act 1997

2. Statutory requirements and recommendations

The careers provision at Springwell Lincolnshire is in line with the statutory guidance developed by the DfE, which refers to section 42A and 45A of the Education Act 1997¹. This states that all schools should provide independent careers guidance from year 8 onwards and that this guidance should:

- Be impartial
- Include information on a range of pathways, including apprenticeships
- Be adapted to the needs of the pupil

In addition, Springwell Lincolnshire is compliant with the obligation that all schools give education and training providers the opportunity to talk to students about approved technical qualifications and apprenticeships (see the section below on Provider Access).

3. Our careers programme

Individual careers programmes will be written by our Executive Vice Principals (EVPs) with strategic responsibility for careers, with Key Stage Leads and our Careers / NEET Prevention Mentor, as part of their curriculum development work. These programmes will respond to the needs of pupils in the school, the skills and expertise of staff working in the school, and the local context, career and labour market information. These careers programmes will be approved by the Executive Leadership Team and shared with the Local Governing Body.

The following core entitlement areas will be included in the careers programme for every school.

The following is the core entitlement for Key Stage 3. Students will access different aspects of this programme, depending on the length and context of their time with us:

- Careers education as part of our PSHE programme
- Curriculum work in all subjects which includes links to potential careers
- Curriculum trips which make links to potential careers explicit
- Assemblies which include careers information and inspiration
- Meaningful encounters with employers, in school or on trips and visits

- Personalised support for students and their families in Year 9 regarding next steps and options (if relevant, depending on context)

During key stage 4 all students will experience the following:

- Careers education as part of work towards NOCN qualification(s)
- Curriculum work in all subjects which includes links to potential careers
- Curriculum trips which make links to potential careers explicit
- Assemblies which include careers information and inspiration
- Meaningful encounters with employers, in school or on trips and visits
- Individual impartial and professional careers guidance
- Individual sessions and support as part of our careers and next steps support programme
- Visits from and trips to colleges and other post 16 providers

And some students will also experience the following:

- A meaningful experience of a work place, either by participating in voluntary work, or in a work placement relevant to their interests.

4. Resources

A budget for the development of the Careers Programme will be allocated from the overall curriculum budget. The EVP with strategic responsibility for careers will be responsible for the effective deployment of this resource.

5. Quality Assurance and Development of Careers Education

The EVP and Head of School will quality assure activities happening as part of the careers programme by applying our normal quality assurance systems.

The Executive Leadership team will be responsible for the strategic development of careers education in each school. They will work with the Senior and Middle Leadership in each school to review provision in line with the Gatsby framework, and plan medium and long term development with a view to achieving the benchmarks.

6. Provider Access Statement

This statement sets out our arrangements for managing the access of providers to our students for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. Springwell is fully compliant with the legal obligations created by Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

All pupils in years 8-11 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point;
- to 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;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

A provider wishing to request access should contact *Mark Barnett, Careers / NEETS Prevention Mentor* (Telephone: 01522 527641; Email: mark.barnett@springwell-lincs.co.uk)

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers. The core content of these programmes is outlined above. More details can be obtained from Mark Barnett (details above).

The school will make appropriate spaces available for discussions between the provider and students. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support the provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the school team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the school. The prospectus will then be made available to all students during their careers education.

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