

Curriculum Statement: Careers, Education, Information and Guidance (CEIAG) 'Life after Laurus'

"Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right." — Henry Ford

Powerful Knowledge in CEIAG

Powerful Knowledge through our 'Life after Laurus' programme, underpins the vision that all students, regardless of background and circumstance, make outstanding progress and achieve grades which will open the door to the future of their choice. We want our students to be curious and develop a thirst for knowledge; we want them to be resilient and to value effort; we want them to understand that sometimes failure is an essential part of the learning process and to recognise that developing a positive 'can do' attitude will help them to set and achieve aspirational goals. We intend to provide students with opportunities to engage with employers, colleges and universities during each school year both within school and through experiences of the workplace. We intend to provide each student with appropriate guidance based on their own aspirations and including the provision of impartial advice and guidance. In doing so we intend that all learners will have access to relevant and updated labour market information in the wider school curriculum. Our curriculum is grounded in a firm coverage of the Gatsby Benchmarks.

Powerful knowledge in CEIAG:

- Stereotypes around careers and the workplace should be challenged
- There is no such thing as a "job for life"
- Background should not predetermine your future
- Economy, politics and society connect with your own life and career
- It is possible to balance your life as a worker and/or entrepreneur with your wellbeing, other interests and your involvement with your family and community
- You can create opportunities by being self-motivated, proactive and by being able to build positive relationships with others
- Linking the importance of academic success with wider extra-curricular opportunities and careers pathways
- Understanding pathways at post-14, post-16 and post-18 as part of the journey of a successful career

Curriculum features

The 'Life after Laurus' curriculum is founded on a progression framework which spans across all year groups. The progression framework is delivered through specific taught sessions and links to other curriculum areas. Explicit links are made throughout the Maths, English, Science, Technology, PSHE and English curriculums. As well as making real life links to the wider world of work study programmes also reflect the importance of Maths and English as a key expectation of employers and training providers. The wider 'Life after Laurus' offer is broad and diverse and will change from Year to Year but the following are identified as our core offer.

- Exploration of KASH including how to learn from setbacks and failure and the support networks available, understand the importance of building your own career record and the influence you can have on your own progression, destination, and route
- Be provided with impartial advice and guidance

- Exposure to employers and employees
- Recognising common stereotypes in the workplace, career routes, LMI and opportunities for Further and Higher education study
- Recognise barriers to future and current employment and how you can overcome them
- Opportunity to explore careers and how they link to the wider school curriculum.

Co-curricular enrichment

We offer a wide range of age and setting appropriate opportunities across all our schools. The diverse nature of CEIAG means that we can make use of volunteers, alumni, and training provider opportunities throughout the year. However, there are several common co-curricular provisions that are common across all our schools:

- National Careers Week
- National Apprenticeship Week – Technology and Engineering
- Laurus Trust Science Fair
- Maths Money Week
- Oracy and Literacy – Applications and Interviews
- The University Experience
- UCAS Convention
- Focussed employer engagement events
- GM Higher
- ASK Apprenticeships Scheme
- Academic Enhancement and Aspiration
- Xello careers software
- Business Talks and Presentations
- Post-16 provider talks/ visits
- University talks/visits