

**Outcomes  
First  
Group.**

# Careers and Access Policy

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the responsibilities and expectations for all members of the school community in relation to careers guidance and access for education and training providers - Statutory guidance for governing bodies, school leaders and school staff.

ACEG framework for careers and work related education and in accordance with the Independent School Standards – Part 1, 2 (2) (e) parts i,ii,iii. safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of pupils and young people at Baston House School.

Baston House School is an independent day school providing specialist education for pupils and young people aged 5 – 19 with a primary diagnosis of Autism, ADHD, SEMH. Many will also have other diagnosed needs that may impact on their communication skills and relationships.

**Implementation:** Implementation is monitored by the Safeguarding Team and Senior Leadership Team supported by the Governing Body

**Compliance:** This policy complies with all relevant regulations and other legislation as detailed in the *Compliance with Regulations & Legislation Statement*.



## 2.0 POLICY



Baston House School offers a broad and balanced curriculum and aims to provide Careers Guidance which is:

- Accurate and up to date
- Presented in an impartial manner
- Enables them to make informed choices about a broad range of career options
- Helps to encourage them to fulfil their potential

At Baston House School we recognise and celebrate that all of our young people are different and as a result their education and career pathways will be planned on an individualised basis. Careers education for pupils at Baston House School will be relevant, specific, planned, and delivered carefully to meet their individual needs.

Our provision for post-16 students is personalised and considers the individual needs of each pupil. For this reason, we offer a variety of routes and opportunities which are further detailed in our curriculum policy.

Post-16 students can access:

- Further opportunities to study BTEC programmes
- Opportunities to re-sit GCSEs/Functional Skills or take additional GCSEs
- Local colleges with the support of Baston House School staff
- Internal and external work experience opportunities

### The Gatsby Benchmarks

We use the Gatsby Charitable Foundation's Benchmarks to develop and improve our careers provision and to ensure we fulfil our legal duties. For further information, please refer to our action plan.

The Gatsby Benchmarks are:

1. A stable careers programme	Every school and college should have an embedded programme of career education and guidance that is known and understood by students, parents, teachers, governors and employers.	Every school should have a stable, structured careers programme that has the explicit backing of the senior management team, and has an identified and appropriately trained person responsible for it.  The careers programme should be published on the school's website in a way that enables pupils, parents, teachers and employers to access and understand it.  The programme should be regularly evaluated with feedback from pupils, parents, teachers and employers as part of the evaluation process.
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<p>2.Learning from career and labour market information</p>	<p>Every student, and their parents, should have access to good quality information about future study options and labour market opportunities. They will need the support of an informed adviser to make best use of available information.</p>	<p>By the age of 14, all pupils should have accessed and used information about career paths and the labour market to inform their own decisions on study options.</p> <p>Parents should be encouraged to access and use information about labour markets and future study options to inform their support to their pupils.</p>
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<p>3.Addressing the needs of each student</p>	<p>Students have different career guidance needs at different stages. Opportunities for advice and support need to be tailored to the needs of each student. A school's careers programme should embed equality and diversity considerations throughout.</p>	<p>A school's careers programme should actively seek to challenge stereotypical thinking and raise aspirations.</p> <p>Schools should keep systematic records of the individual advice given to each pupil, and subsequent agreed decisions.</p> <p>All pupils should have access to these records to support their career development.</p> <p>Schools should collect and maintain accurate data for each pupil on their education, training or employment destinations.</p>
<p>4.Linking curriculum learning to careers</p>	<p>All teachers should link curriculum learning with careers. STEM subject teachers should highlight the relevance of STEM subjects for a wide range of future career paths.</p>	<p>By the age of 14, every pupil should have had the opportunity to learn how the different STEM subjects help people to gain entry to, and be more effective workers within, a wide range of careers.</p>

<p>5. Encounters with employers and employees</p>	<p>Every student should have multiple opportunities to learn from employers about work, employment and the skills that are valued in the workplace. This can be through a range of enrichment activities including visiting speakers, mentoring and enterprise schemes.</p>	<p>Every year, from the age of 11, pupils should participate in at least one meaningful encounter* with an employer.</p> <p>*A 'meaningful encounter' is one in which the student has an opportunity to learn about what work is like or what it takes to be successful in the workplace.</p>
<p>6. Experiences of workplaces</p>	<p>Every student should have first-hand experiences of the workplace through work visits, work shadowing and/or work experience to help their exploration of career opportunities, and expand their networks.</p>	<p>By the age of 16, every pupil should have had at least one experience of a workplace, additional to any part-time jobs they may have.</p> <p>By the age of 18, every pupil should have had one further such experience, additional to any part-time jobs they may have.</p>
<p>7. Encounters with further and higher education</p>	<p>All students should understand the full range of learning opportunities that are available to them. This includes both academic and vocational routes and learning in schools, colleges, universities and in the workplace.</p>	<p>By the age of 16, every pupil should have had a meaningful encounter* with providers of the full range of learning opportunities, including Sixth Forms, colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers. This should include the opportunity to meet both staff and pupils.</p> <p>By the age of 18, all pupils who are considering applying for university should have had at least two visits to universities to meet staff and pupils.</p> <p>*A 'meaningful encounter' is one in which the student has an opportunity to explore what it is like to learn in that environment.</p>



8. Personal guidance	Every student should have opportunities for guidance interviews with a career adviser, who could be internal (a member of school staff) or external, provided they are trained to an appropriate level. These should be available whenever significant study or career choices are being made.	Every pupil should have at least one such interview by the age of 16, and the opportunity for a further interview by the age of 18
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### 3.0 CURRICULUM

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Careers and work-related education in the curriculum provide contexts, resources and opportunities for:

- spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- personal and social development
- health education
- academic and vocational learning
- functional skills
- sustainable living, personal finance, enterprise and employability skills, through PSHE and ASDAN

### 4.0 DEFINITIONS

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Careers education, for individual and groups, focuses on career learning, teaching and assessment. It enables learners to understand themselves, get information, explore opportunities and develop the skills they need to manage their careers.

Career(s) guidance, for individuals and small groups, focuses on careers information, advice and support. It may include counselling and coaching. It enables individuals to accomplish the unique tasks and issues they face in making progress and achieving their aspirations.

Careers education and guidance rely heavily on collaborative and partnership activities and interventions between a range of 'careers influencers' including learners themselves, parents and carers, other learning providers, and business and community organisations.

Baston House School is supported by Bromley Careers Service who provide a bespoke service, tailored to the needs of the individual, periodically, throughout the school year.

Work-related education enables pupils and young people to learn the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will enable them to understand and succeed in the world of work. It makes extensive use of employer engagement to deliver active and experiential learning activities in and beyond the classroom. Baston House School has forged strong links with our local community across a variety of sectors, allowing pupils to benefit from rich experiences and make informed choices about their next steps.



### **Overarching aims**

Careers and work-related education share close and overlapping concerns, which justify the development of a single and integrated framework. Baston House School subscribes to its responsibilities within the ACEG framework and its three overarching aims:

- Developing yourself through careers and work-related education
- Learning about careers and the world of work
- Developing your career management and employability skills.

### **Areas of learning**

The framework focuses on the knowledge, skills and attitudes that pupils and young people need to make a success of their careers and working lives now and in the future. It is structured around 17 areas of learning that represent the 'big ideas' in careers and work-related education. These big ideas reflect our understanding and explanations of what is or can be most effective in career and work-related learning. The areas of learning are summarised below.

#### **Self-awareness**

Realistic appraisal of their qualities and skills, roles and responsibilities, values and attitudes, needs and interests, aptitudes and achievements enable individuals to make informed choices, assess their suitability for opportunities and identify priorities for their own development. It provides the foundation for building self-esteem, personal identity and career wellbeing.

#### **Self-determination**

Self-regulation and taking greater responsibility for the things that they do and that happen to them enables individuals to develop their sense of career agency, adaptability and resilience. Self-awareness enables individuals to make sense of their own story. Self-determination empowers individuals to improve their own story and to imagine possible futures for themselves.

#### **Self-improvement as a learner**

Understanding what they have learned, what they need to learn next and how they learn best prepares individuals for lifelong learning in careers and work. It fosters positive attitudes to learning and the skills of planning, review and reflection.

#### **Exploring careers and career development**

Career exploration promotes curiosity, opportunity awareness and a more positive attitude to the challenges, risks and rewards of careers and working life. A better understanding of career processes and structures enables individuals to make sense of their own careers as well as the career experiences of others.

#### **Investigating work and working life**

Investigating the meaning and nature of work helps individuals to understand the benefits and drawbacks of working life. It complements career exploration.

#### **Understanding business and industry**

Understanding business and industry enables individuals to find out how businesses operate and to appreciate their role and impact on social and economic life.

#### **Investigating jobs and labour market information (LMI)**

Individuals need to know how to access and analyse relevant and appropriate job and labour market information when they are ready for it.



### **Valuing equality, diversity and inclusion**

Individuals need to learn that society's commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion benefits them and others by opposing the damage caused by stereotyping, discrimination and prejudice. It also enables organisations to make the best use of the full range of talent available.

### **Learning about safe working practices and environments**

Learning how to keep themselves and others safe in whatever working environment they are in helps individuals to maintain health and safety standards at all times.

Making the most of careers information, advice and guidance (CIAG) - Individuals need to learn how to recognise trusted sources of information, advice and guidance and how to make effective use of all the sources of help and support available to them.

Preparing for employability - Showing initiative and enterprise - A priority for pupils and young people is to gain the skills and experience that will enable them to get jobs and sustain themselves in employment.

Showing initiative and enterprise - This area of learning encompasses everything from becoming a top entrepreneur to showing initiative and enterprise in everyday life. It helps individuals to learn about risk, effort and making the most of opportunities.

Developing personal financial capability - The increasing cost of training and further and higher education makes it essential for individuals to know about managing their money. They need to know how to make decisions about spending, saving and investing to ensure their economic wellbeing now and in the future.

Identifying choices and opportunities - Using networking, negotiation, information and evaluation skills enables individuals to maximise their choices and opportunities, including those that are unforeseen or unplanned. Individuals need to be able to recognise suitable progression pathways and qualifications.

Planning and deciding - Decision-making involves getting information, clarifying values and preferences, identifying options, weighing up influences and advice, solving problems, anticipating future decisions and having a 'back-up' plan. It also involves being able to cope with chance events and unforeseen consequences.

Handling applications and interviews - Promoting themselves in a way that attracts the attention of selectors and recruiters as well as managing the applications process involves developing a range of self-presentation and marketing skills that individuals will need throughout their lives.

Managing changes and transitions - Plans and decisions can break down if individuals fail to prepare for the career moves they need to make. Awareness of how to cope with life changes and transitions, partly gained from reflecting on previous moves, can support lifelong career development and employability.

## **5.0 PROVISION AT KEY STAGE 2, 3 & 4**

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### **Key Stage 2**

At key stage 2 pupils can be helped to think about the tasks and skills that a job actually entails. Pupils may be able to identify future possible jobs for themselves at this stage. Pupils may also be able to identify possible jobs for themselves at this stage, but this will be dependent upon the amount of knowledge that they have and their exposure to thinking about occupations. This can be enhanced through the provision of external speakers and educational visits to encourage younger pupils to think about future job roles.

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## Key Stage 3

The framework recognises that pupils are making good progress if they can explain the requirements of a particular job that appeals to them and if they can mention an interest or skills that they possess to justify this as a choice for them. It also focuses on helping pupils to understand different viewpoints about careers and work besides their own and to open their minds to new possibilities. Pupils at Key Stage 3 benefit from activities that support personal reflection and help them to focus on what they have to offer in career terms and not just what they want to take, i.e. to see themselves as providers of skills and expertise that employers want and not just as consumers of careers that take their fancy.

This is a great time to help pupils become connected with their communities and to understand the work that needs to be done to sustain the community in which they live and identify readily with former pupils alumni networking. Exploring the world of work is a valuable way of enlarging their vocabulary and understanding of publicly-held concepts about careers and work as well as developing their literacy and numeracy skills.

## Key Stage 4 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form

At Key Stage 4, pupils can develop their capacity for self-reflection and realistic appraisal of their choices and opportunities. The formation of relatively stable, long-term occupational interests is also a feature of their development that can be accelerated by well-designed careers and work-related education programmes.

Careers and work-related programmes can help to develop their reasoning about career progression. Students have developed their self-reflection and have formed some occupational interest, this can be enhanced by a well thought through careers programme and from the qualified careers adviser, educational visits, and internal and external work experience.

## Accreditation Opportunities

Careers Education and Work-Related Learning is well promoted throughout the curriculum and also accredited through a number of courses offered in school. Some of which is specified below. More can be found in the Curriculum Policy.

Baston House School also offers BTEC qualifications in Vocational Studies as well as ASDAN careers which has been developed to give learners the opportunity to:

- Experience more than one vocational sector where they have not yet decided on a specific sector to follow
- Develop knowledge, understanding and skills of different vocational sectors to motivate them to progress to higher level qualifications or employment in a specific sector.
- Develop cross-cutting employability skills through carrying out practical activities in a vocational context



- Engage in learning which is relevant to them and provide opportunities to develop a range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life
- Achieve a nationally recognised Entry, Level 1 or Level 2 vocationally related qualification
- Progress to employment
- Progress to related general and/or vocational qualifications

## 6.0 MONITORING

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The practical application of this policy will be reviewed annually or when the need arises.

A statement of the policy's effectiveness and the necessary recommendations for improvement will be presented to the Board of Directors for further discussion and endorsement.

## 7.0 ACCESS/OUTSIDE CAREERS SUPPORT

Employability skills and career exploration are needed for the confident growth of our students, to safely make the transition. Outside careers support comes in many forms and delivers CEIAG careers, education, information, advice and guidance needed for the students at this stage. Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers accessing the students from years 7 and above by informing them about technical Skills qualifications, apprenticeships and training available. The careers programme offers many events, whereby speakers from different organisations come into school and speak to the students and parents.

This is outlined in section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements.

All students in years 9 to 14 at Baston House school are entitled to:

Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities as part of our careers programme, which provides information on 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

Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Clare Hillman, Careers/ WEX coordinator or the Headteacher

Telephone: 0208 4621010

Email: [clare.hillman@bastonhouseschool.org.uk](mailto:clare.hillman@bastonhouseschool.org.uk)

A number of events, integrated into our careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers:



Opportunities for access:



Year 7 - Career related activities & whole school Careers Day & Enterprise Day

Year 8 - Career related activities & whole school Careers Day & Enterprise Day

Year 9 - Career related activities & whole school Careers Day & Enterprise Day & External Careers Advisor interviews

Year 10 - Career related learning & whole school Careers Day & Enterprise Day & External Careers Advisor interviews & work experience

Year 11 - Career related learning & whole school Careers Day & Enterprise Day & External Careers Advisor interviews & tours of local LSEC college & work experience

Year 12 - Career related learning & whole school Careers Day & Enterprise Day & External Careers Advisor interviews & tours of local LSEC college & work experience & Visit to local job fair & national Career events

Year 13 & 14- Career related learning & whole school Careers Day & Enterprise Day & External Careers Advisor interviews & tours of local LSEC college & work experience & Visit to local job fair & national career events.

Please see, Baston House school Safeguarding and Visitor policies:

Our safeguarding and visitor policies outline the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

Baston House school will advise of procedures to be adhered to and introduction of management and teaching staff involved. They will advise on facilities and movement of the school.

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers for students will be from the Careers Leader – Clare Hillman.