Careers Programme Year 8 - Focus Careers Information

The following activities will aim to incorporate the six career development learning areas of the CDI Career Development Framework, along with the meeting the requirements of the eight Gatsby benchmarks.

An outline of the CDI framework skills by key stage can be found here: https://www.thecdi.net/write/CDI_98-Framework-skills_by_key_stage-A3_portrait-web.pdf

Activity – Gatsby Benchmarks	Learning Aims
Input	To be able to explore possibilities –
Unifrog careers platform – All students are given	being aware of a range of possible jobs
access to this platform, in which they can explore their	Manage career –imagining a range of
interests and future career options, start building a	possibilities for themselves in their
personalised career plan and develop skills and	career
competencies for future employment	Start recording and logging their skills
KS3 STEM Club - We do practicals on acids & alkalis, flame tests and paper chromatography which all link to Chemistry. We also do 2 sessions on microscopy (one with pre-made slides and one on making their own slides with onion cells) - Biology. We also do physics related practicals, for example, linking to convection and one on electric circuits. This way, we have variety across all three sciences.	Explore possibilities – To create awareness of the range of possible jobs within STEM and that different jobs and careers bring different challenges and rewards
Subject Departmental careers in the curriculum	Explore possibilities – Learn about
learning	different careers that relate to different
Subject departments incorporate careers related	subjects
learning into the curriculum in a variety of ways,	Manage career – imagining a range of
including: Trips, speakers, lesson plans and extra-	possibilities for themselves in their
curricular activities	career

Employer assembly talk - These are career insight talks from a range of employers from different job sectors	Manage Career - being aware that different jobs and careers bring different rewards and challenges Grow throughout life – being aware that learning, skills and qualifications are important for career Explore possibilities – being aware of the range of different sectors and organisations where they can work
Further Education Assembly talk with an approved provider of Apprenticeships and Technical Education	Explore Possibilities - Greater awareness of the main learning pathways, including Technical, Vocational, Academic and Apprenticeships
Form time careers activities Examples of activities include: National Apprenticeship week activity, Unifrog launch video, University & Apprenticeship fair preparation task, Career of the Week videos	To develop students' knowledge understanding and skills in a variety of different topics related to careers and the world of work and further study.
Annual Careers Fair (in school) - All students have the opportunity to meet a range of different Universities, Apprenticeship providers and Employers. Parents and Carers are also invited	Grow throughout life – being aware that learning, skills and qualifications are important for career Explore possibilities – being aware of the main learning pathways (e.g. university, college and apprenticeships) Manage career – looking forward to the future Create opportunities – being aware that it is important to take initiative in their learning life

CPSHE sessions:	
Economics – Skills: Living in the Wider World, Skills for life	
Financial Security- Skills: Citizenship, Living in the	To gain a better Understanding of money, budgeting and responsibility. Key questions: Why do we budget? What can happen if we are not responsible with our money
Wider World, Safety Online, Life skills	Knowing how to protect themselves
	financially on various platforms. Key questions: How can we take responsibility for our finances? How can we keep ourselves safe from fraud?
Resilience- Skills: Self-esteem, Health and Wellbeing, Positive relationships	
	Understanding that there are ups and downs in life, how to remain resilient and motivated.
	Key questions: What are the ups and downs in life?
	What ups and downs might we experience now?
British Values – Skills: Citizenship, Living in the Wider World	How can we stay focused?
	To gain a greater understanding of The rule of law. The need for rules to make a happy, safe and secure environment to live and work.
	Key questions: Why do we have British Values?
	Where do we see British Values in School and the community? Why are British Values important?
Current Affairs – Skills: Living in the Wider World, Voicing opinions, Debate	
	To be able to Focus on a select amount of current affairs, considering and voicing opinions in a respectful way. Key questions: How can we form our own opinions and share these in a sensible way? Why is it important to consider various opinions and ways of thinking before making opinions?

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The Media- Skills: Safety online, Living in the Wider World	To learn about the different forms of the media, advantages and disadvantages of this. Key questions: What are the different types of media? What are the advantages and disadvantages of the media?
Critical Thinking – Skills: Safety online, Living in the Wider World	To gain a greater understanding of knowing how to think critically, what to trust and not to trust. Making own opinions. Key questions: Why can we not trust everything that we read? How do we know what to trust?
Year Reflection – Skills: Goal setting, Health and Wellbeing, Self-esteem, Planning	To be able to Reflect on the academic year in a constructive year whilst setting personal and academic goals for the following year. Key questions: What are our achievements this year? How should we set goals to ensure they are achievable? How can we improve on the year gone?
Happy to be me – Skills: Health and Wellbeing, Self- esteem, Planning	To gain a sense of understanding that everyone is different, to accept these differences in a positive way. Key questions: What differences do we all have? Why should we celebrate differences?