

Woodlands Secondary School Careers Programme

Introduction

Woodlands Secondary School Careers Programme has been developed to incorporate the DfE statutory guidance that sets out a range of requirements for schools and colleges:

- Government Careers Strategy (DfE careers guidance and access for education and training providers 2015) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/careers-guidance-provision-for-young-people-in-schools>
- Government Careers Strategy update (Baker Clause July 2021) https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1002972/Careers_statutory_guidance.pdf

Mrs Sarah Appleton is the Careers Leader and is responsible for leading the careers programme.

Woodlands Secondary School is working under guidance from the Local Enterprise Partnership with South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP) and also The Careers and Enterprise Company, supporting schools to develop and deliver independent Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG).

Woodlands Secondary School is a member of the very successful Careers Hub Luton, <https://www.careershubluton.co.uk/>, where Mrs Appleton attends regular meetings and CPD.

Woodlands School continues to strive to provide all students, for whom is it appropriate, the opportunities to engage in careers and work towards sourcing and engaging in employment encounters as they approach adulthood.

Personal statement from Mrs Appleton

As careers leader I will be responsible for the delivery of Woodlands careers education, information, advice and guidance. I will be working towards ensuring that Woodlands School continues to meet the Gatsby Benchmarks by 2020 in accordance with the Department of Education's statutory guidance January 2018 and the more recent careers guidance and access for education and training providers' statutory guidance for schools and guidance for further education colleges and sixth form colleges July 2021.

Here at Woodlands we continue to strive to provide all students, for who is it appropriate, the opportunities to engage in careers and work towards sourcing and engaging in personalised employment encounters as they approach adulthood.

Future Plans

We are hopeful that our careers program will continue to grow over the coming years. We currently have plans to increase our offer of external work experience placements, offer more employment encounters to students in both KS4 and KS3 and work with the local authority colleges to provide students who leave us, the opportunity to continue to engage in repeated placements as they move into further education.