

North Yorkshire LA - School Careers Guidance Policy
NIDDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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What is Careers Guidance?

In our careers guidance policy, our definition of careers guidance is aligned to those provided by DfE and Ofsted.

Careers guidance and inspiration in schools, DfE Statutory guidance for governing bodies, school leaders and staff', April 2014 defines Careers Advice and Guidance as:

'Careers Advice and guidance refers to a coherent programme of activities that inform, inspire and motivate young people, preparing them for work and helping them to understand where different education and training choices could take them in the future.'

Purpose of Careers Guidance

We recognise that effective careers guidance contributes to raising aspirations, improving motivation and overcoming barriers to success. Our school has a critical role to play in preparing our young people for the next stage of their education or training and beyond. Our expectations are high, including for our most vulnerable and those with special educational needs and disabilities, so that every student is challenged appropriately and acquires the knowledge, skills and attitudes for lifelong learning and that employers value. This will help every young person to realise their potential and enhance their employability.

Careers Skills: - We recognise the importance of developing the careers skills of our young people through our provision for Careers Guidance. We believe that young people need career skills to manage their own careers and to contribute to the well-being of themselves, their families, the communities and the wider society of which they are a part and the environment and the economy. The school's careers provision, therefore, needs to help students to develop their self-efficacy, raise their aspirations, carry out career exploration, become more adaptable and resilient, make decisions and transitions, be more enterprising and be able to present themselves well in applications and interviews.

Employability Skills: - We recognise the importance of employability skills -the 'transferable skills' needed by an individual to make them 'employable'. The top 10 skills that employers want and seek in potential employees (ref STEMNET, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Network, working with a range of UK companies) are:

1. Communication and interpersonal skills
2. Problem solving skills
3. Using your initiative and being self-motivated
4. Organisational skills
5. Working under pressure and to deadlines
6. Team working
7. Ability to learn and adapt
8. Numeracy
9. Valuing diversity and difference
10. Negotiation Skills

Statutory Responsibilities of the Governing Body

The statutory duty requires the governing body to ensure that all registered students at the school are provided with independent careers guidance from year 8 (12-13 year olds) to year 11 (15-16 year olds).

The governing body must ensure that the independent careers guidance provided:

- Is presented in an impartial manner
- Includes information on the range of education or training options, including apprenticeships and other vocational pathways
- Is guidance that the person giving it considers will promote the best interests of the students to whom it is given.

Duty to participate in education or training after 16

The Government has raised the participation age (RPA) so that all young people in England are now required to continue in education or training beyond the age of 16. Young people will need to continue in education or training until their 18th birthday.

The school recognises that young people need to be clear about the duty and what it means for them. In particular students must be clear that young people are not required to stay in school; that they can choose how to participate which might be through:

- Full time study in a school, college or training provider;
- An apprenticeship, traineeship or supported internship;
- Full time work or volunteering (20 hours or more) combined with part time accredited study.

Working with the Local Authority

The Education Act 2011 and the new statutory guidance require us as a school to work with North Yorkshire local authority to provide data on our students' destinations. There are three sets of data that are reported annually to the DfE: Intended Destinations, September Guarantee and the Activity Survey.

We also recognise our statutory duty to work with North Yorkshire local authority to support our more vulnerable young people including those with special educational needs, and those who are disengaged or at risk of disengaging.

CAREERS GUIDANCE PROVISION

Careers Education

Careers Education is delivered through PSHE lessons at KS3 and through the daily tutor programme for both KS3 and 4. It is also delivered through drop down days to all students in Years 7 to 11, where appropriate.

At Nidderdale High School we have an annual Careers Focus Week for all students in all year groups. This is delivered in conjunction with school staff and outside agencies. The topics covered are age appropriate to the year group. In addition, all subjects in school identify careers education elements and include these in lesson planning.

GCSE English and Mathematics.

Through our Careers Guidance we highlight to students that if they do not achieve a grade 4 or higher in GCSE Maths or English by the end of key stage 4 they will be required to carry on studying these – at school, college or as an apprentice – as no institution will receive public funding to teach them up to the age of 19 unless they continue to work towards achieving Level 2 in maths and English. This is because of the vital importance and powerful labour market value of a good GCSE in maths and English.

Careers Impartial Advice and Guidance (IAG)

- In our school students are given the opportunity to explore career ideas through face to face discussions with a range of people including role models and inspiring individuals, alumni from universities and colleges and mentors and coaches.
- Independent and impartial careers information, advice and guidance can be accessed by any student on request and is available every lunchtime by the Careers Coordinator.
- All students receive at least one face-to-face careers interview with a trained careers adviser.
- All students receive a face-to-face interview at key decision making points during their education (in years 9 and 11) to inform progression and are made aware of all available learning pathways open to them.
- During a careers interview in Year 11, all students are helped to develop a careers action plan.
- There is a system in place for centrally storing, distributing and following up student action plans and this is coordinated by the Careers Coordinator.
- Those most at risk of becoming NEET (not in employment, education or training), and the reasons why, are identified, targeted and prioritised when scheduling one to one careers interviews.
- Those most at risk of disengaging from learning, and the reasons why, are identified, targeted and prioritised when scheduling one to one careers interviews.
- The school organises information events for students and their parents to which all local providers of education and training are invited and actively engaged in offering advice.
- The school advertises the open days and evenings for all local education providers to all students and their parents throughout education phases and transition between key stages.
- Students are made aware of the National Apprenticeship Service and National Careers Service and there is a link to both websites on the school's website.
- Learner views are sought on the best way to offer provision.

Employer engagement

We are committed to engaging with our local employers and professional community to ensure that our students have access to high quality employer engagement activities to enhance their careers guidance provision. This includes:

- Mentoring and coaching through alternative curriculum provision Speakers from the world of work in schools (school is part of the Speakers for School project) - guest speakers attend drop down days
- An insight from our Local Enterprise Partnership (NYBEP) into the labour market and the needs of employers
- Workplace visits and work experience placements (one week for all Year 10 students)
- Work 'taster' events such as games and competitions through drop down days and the tutor programme
- Careers fairs and career networking events
- Access to open days at further and higher education institutions
- Access to creative online resources and labour market intelligence
- Help with basic career management skills like CV writing, CV building, job searches and job interviews
- Leadership opportunities including Student Leadership Team, Sports Leaders and working with local primary schools.

Access to information on the full range of education and training options and active engagement with other local learning providers

We employ a Careers Coordinator who provides independent guidance that includes information on the full range of education and training options, including apprenticeships and vocational pathways. This includes local further education, apprenticeships, and vocational education opportunities.

We provide in good time before decision points information about the options available, including:

- Post-14: GCSEs; options provided by alternative curriculum providers in the community; opportunities for 14 year old enrolment at local colleges
- Post-16: A levels, advanced general qualifications, apprenticeships, employment combined with training, supported internships, tech levels and traineeships.

The National Careers Service

We signpost our students and their parents to the National Careers Service which offers information and professional advice about education, training and work to people of all ages. (<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk> , or National Contact Centre 0800 100 900). This includes how to access, and what support is available through their website, helpline and web chat.

Careers Guidance Leadership and Management Team

Team	Name
Nominated governor with responsibility for oversight of Careers Guidance	Mrs C Gardner
Senior Leadership lead	Assistant Headteacher, Miss K Draper
Middle Leader(s) Careers Guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers education • Employer engagement • Work Experience co-ordinator 	Careers Coordinator, Mrs E Eglin

The Careers Guidance leadership and management team are responsible for:

- The Careers Guidance action plan, developed each year and which is linked to the school development plan through Raising the aspirations of students (Section 4)
- Careers Guidance Training needs analysis and keeping a record of training (Staff CPD)
- The Careers Guidance budget allocation and management
- The management and co-ordination of the various aspects of Careers Guidance
- Ensuring there is an appropriate provision of Careers Guidance activities across all key stages to meet the full range of student needs and abilities
- Enabling students to have access to career resources and drop in careers sessions, and a careers section on the school's website
- Ensuring that all safeguarding arrangements, including risk assessments, are in place and monitored for careers guidance activities including Work Experience (ref Child Protection policy, Staff Behaviour Policy, North Yorkshire Safeguarding audit, North Yorkshire Guidance for Educational Visits)
- Assessment, Monitoring and Evaluation of the Careers Guidance provision
- Liaison with parents/carers and partners (e.g. commissioned IAG providers, local learning providers, Local Authority, local Employers and business community, NYBEP)
- Updating the school's Careers Guidance policy and information on the school's website
- Providing an annual report to the governing body on Careers Guidance
- Facilitating the annual Careers link governor's visit to review CA&IAG in school

Assessment of student progress

Assessment is aligned to our school's teaching, learning and assessment policy. There are Systems in place to effectively track students' progress through our Careers Guidance provision.

Assessment in Careers Guidance is done during the Career Focus Week and includes opportunities for :

- Baseline assessment to determine students' starting points, including: what students already know and understand, what they have misunderstood, what gaps they have in their knowledge and skills, what preconceptions may have to be challenged.
- Assessment for Learning (formative assessment) - regular assessment of students' progress against the intended learning outcomes of our range of Careers Guidance activities to ensure that students are making expected progress, to provide feedback

for students on how to improve, and to inform planning for subsequent Careers Guidance activities and units of work in the Careers Education programme in PSHE / tutor programme and subject cross-curricular delivery.

- Assessment of Learning (summative assessment) – Opportunities to report to parents on progress in Careers Guidance is offered at Parents' Evenings (year 9 – 11) and during specific work experience and expectations evenings (Year 10). Assessment is also recorded through review meetings with students.

Elements of the Careers Guidance programme are accredited through:

- ASDAN Certificate of Personal Effectiveness Level 1 and 2(CoPE) Certificate-sized NQF qualification at Levels 1 and 2

Monitoring of Careers Guidance Provision

Provision is monitored through a range of processes including:

- Termly link meetings between the Careers Coordinator and Assistant Headteacher, Achievement and Progress
- Careers activity observations (for example lessons, individual careers interviews, career guidance activities/events, work experience)
- Work scrutiny of students' careers education text books
- Scrutiny of sample careers interview action plans
- Feedback discussions with focus groups of students, parents/carers, staff, employer representatives
- Use of student surveys including the 'Growing Up in North Yorkshire' survey
- Annual audit of Careers Guidance

Equalities

The school consciously works to prevent all forms of stereotyping in the advice and guidance we provide, to ensure that boys and girls from all backgrounds and diversity groups consider the widest possible range of careers, including those that are often portrayed as primarily for one or other of the sexes.

Evaluating the effectiveness of our Careers Guidance

The effectiveness of guidance activities is evaluated through

- attainment and achievement key indicators
- destinations of our students.
- Students being guided on to the correct options pathway in KS4
- Our NEET figures remaining at 0%
- Our Destinations data
- Student questionnaires

We use the Destination Measures data, published by the Department for Education, to assess how successfully our students make the transition into the next stage of education or training, or into employment and data provided to us by North Yorkshire Local Authority e.g. Year 11 Leavers destinations.

Date of policy review 22 March 2021

Next Policy review date March 2022

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STEMNET: Top 10 Employability Skills

<http://www.nationalstemcentre.org.uk/elibrary/resource/887/top-10-employability-skills>

North Yorkshire Careers Guidance Materials can be found on Fronter in the PSE room, or access through the Health and Wellbeing Room – (*Vision and Policy*: electronic version of this Careers Guidance sample policy template. *Policy into practice*, Secondary PSHE and Citizenship section, then Economic wellbeing section for further Careers guidance materials) on Fronter <https://fronter.com/northyorks/>

North Yorkshire Safeguarding Materials can be found on North Yorkshire cypsinfosite

Safeguarding audit <http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=21016>

Child Protection Policy and Safer Working Practices/Staff Behaviour Policy

<http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=13496>

Learning beyond the Classroom <http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=21018>