

Vision, Mission and Values

Vision

Stockton Sixth Form is part of Tees Valley Collaborative Trust and our vision is to provide outstanding education and progression post-16 across the Tees Valley.

Mission

Stockton Sixth Form's mission is to empower and lead students to achieve academic and personal excellence through a robust careers education programme, providing a wide range of developmental enrichment opportunities within a supportive learning environment whilst giving them the opportunity to engage in a range of work experience programmes; equipping students with the skills necessary for post-18 and beyond.

Values

At Stockton Sixth Form we value inclusivity and equality and enthuse high standards and high expectations in collaboration with schools, employers and communities. Stockton Sixth Form College value respect for self and others, safety, welfare and support for all, alongside valuing successful outcomes and personal development.

Strategic Priorities

The Stockton Sixth Form Careers Education Programme will:

1. Provide students with opportunities to receive advice and support tailored to their needs, from both internal staff members and external agencies. Students will receive personal guidance from a qualified careers adviser from Youth Direction and one-to-one support from their tutor and Faculty Manager.
2. Enable students to pursue opportunities that link subject teaching to careers/employment, through our tutorial programme, off-site organisational visits and work experience opportunities.
3. Give students the opportunity to experience the workplace and develop an understanding of the labour market.
4. Provide students with the opportunity to speak with external speakers, FE/HE providers and apprenticeship providers. In doing so, students will have access to a range of learning opportunities including attending university visits, apprenticeships talks/visits and meeting employers.
5. Engage and inform parents of future study options via parents evenings, meetings and college updates.
6. Collect and maintain destination information, keep systematic records of advice given, opportunities available and obtain regular student evaluations.
7. Be transparent to all by ensuring it is accessible to all online.

Careers Education Programme.

In order to achieve the above strategic priorities, Stockton Sixth Form has created the following Careers Education Programme.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT (Year 12 and 13)

Workshops: Organised by the Progression Coordinator and Tutors, to include:

- CV support
- Personal statements
(delivered internally and externally)
- UCAS support
(delivered internally and externally)
- Student finance talks
(delivered externally)
- Interpersonal skills
(delivered externally)
- Subject specific talks
(delivered internally and externally)
- Careers and Progression Fair.

Careers Advise (external): Organised by the Administration and Events Coordinator students will receive one to one careers advice from a qualified adviser from Youth Direction.

Careers Advise (internal): Tutors will give students the necessary support during tutorial/one to one discussions.

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS & STUDENT INITIATIVE (Year 12 and 13)

Workshops: Organised by the Progression Coordinator and Tutors, student will:

- Learn to write and improve their CVs and hold mock interviews
- Engage in work experience placements
- Attend employability skills workshop(s).

Taking guidance from Careers Advisers and Tutors, students will also:

- Research their career interests, potential employers, local organisations.

Following this research, students will present an LMI project for tutorial and share with their Tutor/Careers Adviser as appropriate.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT (Year 12 and 13)

In order to maximise student opportunities beyond post-18 education, students will be given the opportunity to sign up to and engage in a range of extra curricular activities, including:

- Team Sports
- Musical Theatre
- First Aid Training
- Volunteering
- Student Council Membership
- 7UP Programme
- Work Experience
- University Visits
- European Projects
- Student Ambassador Participation.

STOCKTON 6TH AWARD (Year 13 only)

To celebrate their successes during their time at Sixth Form, students will be given the opportunity to further enhance their skills by taking part in the newly formed Stockton 6th Award. This Award will be presented to students who have engaged in the Careers Education Programme, based on the above three categories:

- Personal Development
- Employability Skills & Student Initiative
- Extra Curricular Enrichment

Students with the most engagement will receive either a Bronze, Silver or Gold award at the end of their studies.



Bronze will be awarded to those who create, update and share their CV and cover letter



Silver will be awarded to those who also deliver a presentation via tutor



Gold will be awarded to those who, in addition to all of the above, engage in a set amount of enrichment workshops and work experience programmes.

Giving students an accolade to aim towards provides a better platform for engagement but also has the potential to increase student attendance, aspiration, knowledge and confidence in line with Gatsby Benchmarks.