

Teaching Careers and Future Pathways at Five Acre Wood School

At Five Acre Wood, we provide a fulfilling and comprehensive careers education to our students. We follow the Gatsby Benchmarks, which serve as a foundational framework for delivering high-quality careers guidance. This page will introduce you to the Gatsby Benchmarks and provide detailed guidance on how we effectively teach careers to our students.

The Gatsby Benchmarks

The Gatsby Benchmarks, developed by the Gatsby Charitable Foundation, provide clear guidelines for schools and colleges in England to deliver outstanding careers education. These benchmarks cover eight essential areas:

1. **A Stable Careers Programme:**
 - We establish a consistent, well-defined careers programme that is integrated into the school curriculum and accessible to all students.
2. **Learning from Career and Local Labour Market Information:**
 - We provide students with up-to-date labour market information and career resources. This helps them understand various career opportunities and the skills required to succeed in the world of work.
3. **Addressing the Needs of Each Pupil:**
 - We tailor career guidance to meet the individual needs of every student, ensuring that all students receive the appropriate support to explore and achieve their career or future pathway goals.
4. **Linking Curriculum Learning to Careers:**
 - We connect classroom learning to future careers, showing students how their education applies to real-world jobs and industries.
5. **Encounters with Employers and Employees:**
 - We facilitate meaningful interactions with professionals through career fairs, workplace visits, and guest speakers, giving students insights into various professions.
6. **Experiences of Workplaces:**
 - We offer students practical work experience and/or workplace visit opportunities, helping them gain first-hand knowledge of different work environments.
7. **Encounters with Further and Higher Education:**
 - We provide guidance on post-16 and post-19 educational options, ensuring students are aware of the pathways available to them after Five Acre Wood.
8. **Personal Guidance:**
 - We ensure that each student has access to personalised career guidance where appropriate, helping them make informed decisions about their future.

Personalised Careers Curriculum at Five Acre Wood

Our approach to careers education is individualised, catering to each student's unique phase and key stage. Personalising the curriculum involves understanding a student's abilities, interests, and needs, and adapting our guidance accordingly. Through the EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) process, both parents and pupils can discuss future aspirations. This allows the school to outline the support available to help students achieve their goals.

Seeking Guidance and Support

For any concerns or additional support, please reach out to Donna Curtis, our Careers Officer, at dcurtis@five-acre.kent.sch.uk. She is available to assist with any questions and provide further guidance.

Empowering Students for the Future

Every student, including those with SEND, has the potential to explore and pursue meaningful career pathways. With the right guidance and support, we can empower them to make informed decisions and reach their full potential.

Resources

We share valuable resources through the school OneDrive and various events throughout the year. Additionally, we provide education using the following resources:

- [Skills Builder](#)
- [Talentino Careers](#)
- resources.careersandenterprise

By leveraging these resources and adhering to the Gatsby Benchmarks, we strive to deliver an effective, inclusive, and personalized careers education programme that prepares our students for a successful future.

Useful links

[FAW Careers Programme](#)

<https://www.goodcareerguidance.org.uk/support-and-tools/send>