St Lawrence College 2025-26 Careers Programme: Junior School – 2nd Form

The Gatsby Benchmarks	The Gatsby Benchmarks' Outcomes	Junior School - Learning Activities including lessons, PSHE, assemblies, tutor time, events and visits	First Form - Learning Activities including subject lessons, PSHE, assemblies, tutor time, events and visits	Second Form - Learning Activities including subject lessons, PSHE, assemblies, tutor time, events and visits	Resources	Links to CDI outcomes
Gatsby Benchmark 1: A stable careers programme	The St Lawrence College careers programme has been developed using the Gatsby Benchmark Toolkit, the CDI's Framework for careers, employability and enterprise education and the DfE's Statutory Guidance. Evaluation: The programme is evaluated every year using the Compass evaluation tool and through the programme of evaluation from students, staff, Governors and parents/guardians.	through a variety of methods included education is also embedded into the subject learning, employability skill work but is also the main focus of the main focus of the programme is evaluated regular groups and questionnaires.	programme is delivered to all students of ding PSHE lessons, assemblies, tutor time academic curriculum where subject to ls, and the world of work – this is done in Careers Focus Week. Itarly taking the views of students, staff, pred at least twice annually, to ensure that	me, events and visits. Careers eachers make clear links between n many aspects of the schemes of parents and governors through focus	The Gatsby Benchmarks The CDI Framework Statutory Guidance 2023	The 6 Learning Development Skills identified by the Careers Development Framework are: Grow throughout life - Students need to grow throughout life by learning and reflecting on themselves, their background, and their strengths Explore Possibilities - Students need to explore the full range of possibilities open to them and learn about recruitment processes and the culture of different workplaces Manage career - Students need to manage their career actively, make the most of opportunities and learn from setback Create opportunities - Students need to create opportunities by being proactive and building positive relationships with other Balance life and work - Students need to balance their life as a worker and/or entrepreneur with their wellbeing, other interests and their involvement with their family and community See the big picture - Students need to see the big picture by paying attention to how the economy, politics and society connect with their own life and career Each of the six learning development skills has been broken down into learning outcomes, and mapped against the St Lawrence College Careers Programme
Gatsby Benchmark 2: Learning from career and labour market information	Pupils and parents have access to good quality information about future study options and labour market opportunities	cards which outline students worki	eart of the whole school system of evaluating grades, target grades and key promphance – they then set targets for improve	ots for development. This enables	Labour Market section of school website	Grow throughout life: Seeking out challenges and opportunities for development Planning their next steps in learning and work

	Pupils are aware of opportunities in the labour market, locally and nationally Pupils are able to acknowledge that careers develop differently. Pupils can identify different kinds of work Pupils can identify the main types of employment in their area (LMI) and	section including the Careeromete Students are signposted to specific Options so they can find information The annual whole school careers for speak to and hear from a work of the selves for the future of the gain an understanding of local students.	air enables students to:	Amazing apprenticesh ips Kent and Medway Labour Market Information Kent CXK Labour Market Information National	 Explore possibilities: Actively seeking out information on the labour market and education system to support their career Having a clear understanding of the learning pathways and qualifications that they will need to pursue their career Analysing and preparing for recruitment and selectin processes Manage career: Considering the risks and rewards of different pathways and careers and deciding between them Create opportunities: Building and maintaining relationships and 	
	how this information can be useful to them Know how to access a wide range of careers information, advice and guidance. Recognise employability skills and qualities and identify the ones	 All students who attend the careers fair complete an evaluation of the experience which allows us to see what students have learnt, and what they will do as a result of what they have learned All exhibitors complete an evaluation so we can understand their experience and get an insight into how students engaged in the event. ity skills es and 				 Being proactive about their life, learning and career Being creative and agile as they develop their career pathway Considering entrepreneurialism and self-employment as a career pathway Balance life and work: Planning for the kind of balance of work and life that they want
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Gatsby Benchmark 3: Addressing the needs of every pupil	Manage transitions by being flexible, positive and well prepared Developing your career management, employability and enterprise skills	Delivery Employability skills are covered through assemblies, tutor time and the careers programme The Head of Careers is involved in the delivery of aspects of the careers programme and adapts	Delivery Employability skills are covered through assemblies, tutor time and the careers programme Unlimited 1:1 guidance meetings available for all students, alongside drop-in sessions. All careers	Delivery Employability skills are covered through assemblies, tutor time and the careers programme Unlimited 1:1 guidance meetings available for all students, alongside drop-in sessions. All careers	Success at School UCAS: Access for students with IN	 Grow throughout life: Actively seeking out help, support and feedback Taking responsibility for their learning and aiming high Seeking out challenges and opportunities for development Reflecting on and recording achievements, experiences and learning and communicating them to others

Students can explain what skills they have gained from careers, employability and enterprise activities

Students recognise when they have shown determination in their past experiences

Students are able to describe their strengths and preferences delivery to ensure ageappropriate activities take place that meet the needs of all students.

The Head of Careers works closely with the Head of Junior school and staff to ensure that delivery of careers events and activities meets the needs of all students.

Junior School assemblies are used to celebrate achievements both in and out of school including within communities, for example, litter picking, volunteering at a charity event, collecting second hand clothes for distribution at a cold centre, working at a food bank.

The Head of Careers delivers an assembly on the changing face of work to Junior School students. Sixth form students deliver an assembly on their learning journey at SLCUK and outline their future plans and ambitions to Junior School students.

Throughout the Junior School children work on their characteristics of effective learning which include:

- Research
- Listening skills
- Working independently and as part of a team

PSHE:

- Working well with others
- Recognising what they are good at
- Stay motivated when doing something challenging
- Working hard to achieve dreams and goals
- Having high aspirations

guidance meetings are led by a suitably qualified and experienced professional.

All students are offered a highly personalised structure to the guidance available to ensure that all students individual needs are met. This can include, but is not limited to, weekly scheduled meetings.

Stereotyping, discrimination and bullying (including in the workplace_ and what actions to take are all discussed within the PSHE curriculum.

Face to face careers advice and guidance is available on request to all pupils all carried out by a suitably qualified professional.

PSHE:

- Who am I?
- My influences
- Prejudice and discrimination
- Challenging stereotypes
- Protected characteristics
- Coping strategies
- Responsible and irresponsible choices and the consequences on my future
- Skills for careers
- What are my interests?

Drop Down Day:

Learning skills day

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Mini options – the transition programme for students to prepare them to identify two subjects to drop for the beginning of Year 9.

Evaluation:

Pupils complete an evaluation which helps us assess the effectiveness of the Mini Options programme and identify students needing more support.

PSHE:

- Who am I?
- My 'family' influence on self-identity
- Defining stereotypes
- The power of first impression
- Prejudice and discrimination
- Making a positive contribution
- Your goals long term
- Navigating work
- Dealing with change
- Money management

 Discussing and reflecting on the impact of heritage, identify and value

Explore possibilities:

- Having a clear understanding of the learning pathways and qualifications that Thye will need to pursue their career
- Analysing and preparing for recruitment and selection processes

Manage career:

- Building their confidence and optimism about their future and acting on it
- Actively planning, prioritising and setting targets for their future
- Managing the transition into post-16 the learning context and preparing for post-18 transition
- Being proactive about being resilient and learning from setbacks

Create opportunities:

- Building and maintaining relationships and networks within and beyond the school
- Being proactive about their life, learning and career
- Being creative and agile as they develop their career pathway
- Representing themselves and others
- Acting as a leader, role model, or example to others

Balance life and work:

- Planning for the kind of balance of work and life that they want
- Taking action to improve their physical and mental wellbeing
- Beginning to manage their own money and plan their finances (e.g. thinking about student loans)
- Actively shaping their involvement in their family and community as part of their career planning
- Planning for different life stages and considering the different life roles that they want to play
- Being aware of their role in ensuring rights and responsibilities in the workplace and in society
- Taking action to challenge prejudice, stereotypes and discrimination in learning and workplaces when they encounter them

See the big picture:

		 Understand equal opportunities and stereotypes Living in the wider world including: Money Rights and responsibilities Term 3 – Start Small, Dream Big 		Drop Down Day: Design Challenge		Evaluating different media, information sources and viewpoints and reflecting on the best way to get information for their career
Benchmark 4: Linking curriculum to careers ST hig rele sub	I teachers link Irriculum learning th careers and Inphasise the Iportance of Icceeding in Itaths and English ITEM teachers Ighlight the Ilevance of STEM Ibjects for a wide Inge of future Irreer paths	Careers Focus week, held annually, has its main focus on linking their curriculum to careers. This enables teaching staff to ensure students fully understand how their subject gives them skills for employability and how the subject links to potential future careers. Junior School use the topic of 'Jobs that Help Others' in Early Years and links are made in all subject areas in the rest of Junior School to ensure all students are engaged in careers focused learning through Careers Focus Week but also as a continual theme for the year including organising for Paramedics and an Emergency Response Unit to attend school. The Junior School's schemes of work all show how careers is embedded into every subject, for every year group The Junior School have careers events which feature those in employment. One of these is the annual emergency services day where police, fire service and ambulance service staff and vehicles attend for all students to engage with. The PSHE programme is delivered to the whole Junior school, by year group.	Curriculum subjects link their curriculum to the skills needed in the workplace and look to make links with relevant industries offering both additional employer encounters and visits to the workplace Each curriculum area has a dedicated careers notice board highlighting the routes into different types of employment and how their subject prepares students for the workplace. These also highlight different routes into employment. Careers Focus week, held annually, has its main focus on linking curriculum to careers. This enables teaching staff to ensure students fully understand how their subject gives them skills for employability and how the subject links to potential future careers. Evaluation: 1. A whole school evaluation of Careers Focus Week is completed which will enable students to assess what they learnt, and enable the school to identify areas for improvement. 2. Heads of Departments complete a subject audit to identify how well the subjects linked careers into the curriculum	Curriculum subjects link their curriculum to the skills needed in the workplace and look to make links with relevant industries offering both additional employer encounters and visits to the workplace Each curriculum area has a dedicated careers notice board highlighting the routes into different types of employment and how their subject prepares students for the workplace. These also highlight different routes into employment. Careers Focus week, held annually, has its main focus on linking curriculum to careers. This enables teaching staff to ensure students fully understand how their subject gives them skills for employability and how the subject links to potential future careers. Evaluation: 1. A whole school evaluation of Careers Focus Week is completed which will enable students to assess what they learnt, and enable the school to identify areas for improvement. 2. Heads of Departments complete a subject audit to identify how well the subjects linked careers into the curriculum	icould - video resources for subject teachers Prospects - Job Profiles STEM learning FutureLearn - linking to the curriculum Plan It Resources My Learning, My Future	 Grow throughout life: Seeking out challenges and opportunities for development Reflecting on and recoding achievements, experiences and learning and communicating them to others Explore possibilities: Having a clear understanding of the learning pathways and qualifications that they will need to pursue their career Manage career: Building their confidence and optimism about their future and acting on it Actively planning, prioritising and setting targets for their future Create opportunities: Building and maintaining relationships and networks within and beyond the school Being proactive about their life, learning and career Representing themselves and others Acting as a leader, role-model for example to others Balance life and work: Taking action to challenge prejudice, stereotypes and discrimination in learning and workplaces when they encounter them See the big picture: Evaluating different media, information sources and viewpoints and reflecting on the best way to get information for their career Exploring and responding to local and national labour market trends Exploring and responding to trends in technology and science

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Gatsby Benchmark 6: Experiences of workplaces	Know how to prepare and present themselves well when going through a selection process Are aware of laws relating to young people's permitted hours of employment Recognises stereotyping and discrimination	In order to learn about the community in which they learn, pupils learn about former pupils, the different roles that people take, and who helps keep them safe. In Careers Focus Week students learn about workplaces through exploring the emergency vehicles who attended the school. They also learn about all aspects of being healthy and the roles related to health and wellbeing PSHE: • Working well with others • Recognising what they are good at • Stay motivated when doing something challenging • Working hard to achieve dreams and goals • Having high aspirations • Understand equal opportunities and stereotypes • Term 3 – Start Small, Dream Big	Curriculum staff organise visits to workplaces that correlate with their curriculum subject, these include STEM subjects. All visit leaders have to identify an LO that shows how they will highlight the trip as an experience of the workplace. Stereotyping, discrimination and bullying (including in the workplace_ and what actions to take are all discussed within the PSHE curriculum. PSHE: Who am I? My influences Prejudice and discrimination Challenging stereotypes Protected characteristics My dreams and goals Coping strategies Responsible and irresponsible choices and the consequences on my future	Curriculum staff organise visits to workplaces that correlate with their curriculum subject, these include STEM subjects. All visit leaders have to identify an LO that shows how they will highlight the trip as an experience of the workplace. Stereotyping, discrimination, and bullying (including in the workplace_ and what actions to take are all discussed within the PSHE curriculum. PSHE: Who am I? My 'family' - influence on self-identity Defining stereotypes The power of first impression Prejudice and discrimination Making a positive contribution Your goals – long term Navigating work Dealing with change Money management	UCAS: Virtual Work Experience Barclays Virtual Work Experience Springpod Virtual Work Experience The Forage Virtual Work Experience	Grow throughout life: Actively seeking out help, support and feedback Seeking out challenges and opportunities for development Reflecting on and recording achievements, experiences and learning and communicating them to others Planning their next steps in learning and work Explore possibilities: Developing a clear direction of travel in their career and actively pursuing this Actively seeking out information on the labour market and education system to support their career Actively researching and reflecting on workplaces, workplace culture and expectations Analysing and preparing for recruitment and selection processes Manage career: Building their confidence and optimism about their future and acting on it Considering the risks and rewards of different pathways and career and deciding between them Create opportunities: Building and maintaining relationships and networks within and beyond the school Being proactive about their life, learning and career Representing themselves and others Considering entrepreneurialism and selfemployment as a pathway

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Gatsby Benchmark 7: Encounters with further and higher education	All students understand the full range of learning opportunities that are available to them, including academic, vocational as well as college, university and the workplace	Delivery A wide range of St Lawrence College alumni, parents and other contacts visit the school and talk to students about pathways to FE and university. Sixth form students hold an annual assembly talking about their work and learning journey at St Lawrence College, and their plans for the future.	Delivery A number of HE providers visit the school, either for mini university fairs and the Careers Fair, including European Universities, alongside representatives running sessions on preparation for university from local providers A wide range of St Lawrence College alumni, parents and other contacts visit the school and talk to students about pathways to FE and university Evaluation As part of the whole school evaluation of careers focus week, this aspect will be assessed	Delivery A number of HE providers visit the school, either for mini university fairs, and the Careers including European Universities, alongside representatives running sessions on preparation for university from local providers A wide range of St Lawrence College alumni, parents and other contacts visit the school and talk to students about pathways to FE and university Evaluation As part of the whole school evaluation of careers focus week, this aspect will be assessed	Making the most of an HE Fair UCAS - discovery - The HE Fair University Taster Courses	Actively seeking out help, support and feedback Taking responsibility for their learning and aiming high Seeking out challenges and opportunities for development Reflecting on and recording achievements, experiences and learning and communicating them to others Planning their next steps in learning and work Explore possibilities: Developing a clear direction of travel in their career and actively pursuing this Actively seeking out information on the labour market and education system to support their career Having a clear understanding of the learning pathways and qualifications that they will need to pursue their career Actively researching and reflecting on workplaces, workplace culture and expectations Analysing and preparing for recruitment and selection processes Manage career: Building their confidence and optimism about their future and acting on it Actively planning, prioritising and setting targets for their future

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Gatsby Benchmark 8: Personal guidance	All students have the opportunity for guidance interviews with a careers adviser Interviews should be timed to meet the individual needs of the student Interviews should be available whenever significant student or career choices are being made.	Delivery The Head of Careers delivers assemblises in the Junior School in Careers Focus Week answers questions from students, which will often constitute personal guidance.	Delivery Access to the careers section of the LRC is available to all students. Resources are both online, cards, and paper based and include information from professional bodies, post 18 institutions, apprenticeship providers and employers and cover key transition moments. Unlimited 1:1 Careers Guidance meetings are available for all students. They are delivered by a highly experienced, suitably qualified careers guidance professional. Evaluation: 1:1 appointments are evaluated as part of the evaluation of the careers programme	Delivery Access to the careers section of the LRC is available to all students. Resources are both online, and paper based and include information from professional bodies, post 18 institutions, apprenticeship providers and employers and cover key transition moments. Unlimited 1:1 Careers Guidance meetings are available for all students. They are delivered by a highly experienced, suitably qualified careers guidance professional. Evaluation: 1:1 appointments are evaluated as part of the evaluation of the careers programme	What does 'good' look like?	Grow throughout life: Actively seeking out help, support and feedback Planning their next steps in learning and work Discussing and reflecting on the impact of heritage, identify and values Explore possibilities: Developing a clear direction of travel in their career and actively pursuing this Actively seeking out information on the labour market and education system to support their career Having a clear understanding of the learning pathways and qualifications that they will need to pursue their career Manage career: Building their confidence and optimism about their future and acting on it Actively planning, prioritising and setting targets for their future Considering the risks and rewards of different pathways and careers and deciding between them

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