Careers Education Information and Guidance Programme 2026-2027

At Jewellery Quarter Academy we understand the importance of preparing students for the world of work after education through the development of knowledge and skills around working life and career pathways. Accordingly, Careers Education, Information and Guidance (CEIAG) forms an integral part of our curriculum, so that we can encourage all students to consider a broad range of pathways, careers, and roles for their future, including academic, technical, and vocational options. To best support our students, our CEIAG programme starts from Year 7 and continues through to Year 11.

Working with our local partners, we aim to ensure our careers provision exceeds the needs for our students by considering Department for Education guidance, Gatsby Benchmarks, the CDI Framework and other relevant advice and guidance from appropriate bodies.

Because the labour market is ever evolving, we review our programme annually, and implement changes where necessary so that we can continue to provide the best possible guidance for our students.

Our CEIAG Programme consists of the following strands:

- Careers in the Curriculum
- Careers in Form Time
- Experiences and Encounters
- Personal Guidance

Careers in the Curriculum

Students in Years 7-11 will receive a career talk in every subject either termly or half termly, depending on how often these subjects are taught. These lessons will include:

- Facts about job roles connected to this subject – roles, responsibilities, salaries, etc.
- An example pathway to each job, highlighting different routes and qualifications needed.

In doing this, students will be exposed to dozens of jobs per year, opening their minds to the possibilities in their futures.

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Careers in Form Time

Jewellery Quarter Academy will deliver lessons on career-building skills through our Personal Development programme. This will include a variety of information around different employability skills, and what they look like in the workplace.

The key skills to be covered are:

- Listening
- Speaking
- Problem Solving
- Creativity

- Staying Positive
- Aiming High
- Leadership
- Teamwork

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Experiences and Encounters

We will seek to ensure suitable events and opportunities are available for all of our students, including, but not limited to:

- External speakers in school discussing careers and/or further and higher education
- Visits to workplaces or higher and further educators in the community
- Programmes such as 'Aim Higher' which seek to raise student ambitions and open pathways to further and higher education
- Careers Fairs
- National Careers Week and National Apprenticeship Week experiences
- Year 7 to 9 virtual work experience
- Work Experience Week, which is normally done for Year 10s in the Summer Term.
- Other additional programmes as they are offered, such as university or employer outreach programmes, typically offered to students in Year 10 and 11.

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Personal Guidance

In Year 11 we will ensure that students have access to a qualified careers advisor to discuss their next steps. This will support students in target setting during these crucial years and reduce the risk of students leaving us to be not in education, employment or training ('NEET').

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Year	Autumn Term 2026	Spring Term 2027	Summer Term 2027
7	**Form/PHSE/PD Time** – Living in the wider world HSBC KS3 financial education assembly	**Assemblies** – National Apprenticeship Week, Careers Week and British Science Week. **National Apprenticeship Week** **Careers Week** **British Science Week**	**Form/PHSE/PD Time** – Explore possibilities, manage careers and life & work balance. **The Big Bang Fair (STEM)** - June 2027 Virtual work experience.
8	**Form/PHSE/PD Time** – Living in the wider world	**Assemblies** – National Apprenticeship Week, Careers Week and British Science Week. **National Apprenticeship Week** **Careers Week** **British Science Week**	**Form/PHSE/PD Time** – Explore possibilities, see the big picture and life & work balance. **The Big Bang Fair (STEM)** - June 2027 Virtual work experience.
9	**Form/PHSE/PD Time** – Living in the wider world **CORE Explore Day 1 –** GCSE taster days including careers in the subject.	**Options Assembly and Evening** – GCSE options **Assemblies** – National Apprenticeship Week, Careers Week and British Science Week. **National Apprenticeship Week** **Careers Week** **British Science Week**	**Form/PHSE/PD Time** – Explore possibilities, see the big picture and life & work balance. Virtual work experience.
10	**Form/PHSE/PD Time** – Living in the wider world **Goldman Sachs Workshop** – Friday 8th of November	**CORE Explore Day 2** – University visit. **Assemblies** – National Apprenticeship Week, Careers Week and British Science Week. **National Apprenticeship Week** **Careers Week** **British Science Week** **Work Experience** – Work experience assembly and workshop **1-2-1 interviews** – Careers advisor to discuss next steps, working with Connexions.	**Form/PHSE/PD Time** – Grow throughout life, explore possibilities and manage careers **CORE Explore Day 3** – Work experience workshops **1-2-1 interviews** – Careers advisor to discuss next steps, working with Connexions. **Work Experience Week** - July 5th -9th July 2027

11	**Form/PHSE/PD Time** – Manage Career and the big picture **Post 16 information Evening** – Information for parents and post-16 career fair **Post 16 Assemblies** – Colleges and apprenticeships explained **CORE Explore Day 1** – Post-16 taster sessions **1-2-1 interviews** – Careers advisor to discuss next steps, working with Connexions.	**Post 16 Assemblies** – Colleges and apprenticeships explained **1-2-1 interviews** – Careers advisor to discuss next steps, working with Connexions. **Assemblies** – National Apprenticeship Week, Careers Week and British Science Week. **National Apprenticeship Week** **Careers Week** **British Science Week**	**Careers and progression advice on GCSE results day** – Thursday 19th August 2027