



Maria Fidelis
Catholic School FCJ

Careers Policy	
Committee	Curriculum
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The FCJ Schools' Vision

Our vision is that FCJ schools are communities of personal and academic excellence.

Strong in companionship, the unique giftedness of every person in these faith communities is recognised, nourished and celebrated.

Our hope and expectation is that, through God's grace working in us all, each young person grows into their best self, with zest for life and the generosity and confidence to use their talents and gifts in the service of others.



Vision Statement

The vision for Maria Fidelis is to create an inclusive school equipped for the 21st Century which will enable all young people to maximise their potential in order that they leave school as educated, confident and courageous Catholics, prepared to challenge injustice and care enough to 'live life to the full'.

Aim

Promoting a career development culture is an essential part of the mission and ethos of our school. We aim to support the aspirations of all our learners and to ensure that they gain the understanding, skills and experience they need to make progress and succeed in learning and work. We believe that effective careers education and guidance not only contributes to the well-being of individuals but also to the wellbeing of their families, the communities to which they belong, wider society, businesses and the economy.

National and local expectations

We are committed to meeting national and local expectations in relation to careers by:

- securing independent and impartial careers guidance for Y8-13 as required by the 2011 Education Act. In implementing this duty, we will pay particular regard to the Gatsby Benchmarks (as laid out in the statutory guidance, January 2018) and Ofsted's inspection criteria for evaluating careers provision in schools
- fulfilling our duties under the Equality Act 2010 to promote equality of opportunity, foster good relations across all people, eliminate harassment and discriminatory practices and support children with protected characteristics

Current priorities

Our careers strategy is informed by these current priorities:

- supporting individual aspirations, improving attainment and ensuring positive destinations
- meeting the needs of specific groups including looked after children, young carers, children from economically-deprived backgrounds and children with special educational needs and disabilities
- developing learners' career management skills, especially those associated with career adaptability, resilience, enterprise and employability
- improving young people's working lives by helping them to identify the values that are important to them such as contributing to the wellbeing of others through their paid and voluntary work and working in green careers
- developing the use of digital technologies to meet young people's career development needs in conjunction with face-to-face support
- working with parents/carers, alumni and education, community and business partners to meet students' career development needs

Strategy

To achieve the objectives of this policy, we will:

- ensure that the governing body is actively involved in shaping careers policy and strategy through its committee structure
- develop and maintain a costed annual careers plan for achieving current priorities including delivering the planned programme, meeting staffing and CPD costs, and monitoring, reviewing and evaluating the strategy
- commission independent careers guidance services from individuals/organisations such as The Careers & Enterprise company that meet the standards set by the Quality in Careers Standard
- set out clearly the contribution expected of all staff including subject teachers and tutors for students' career learning and planning
- communicate the benefits of effective provision to our partners, including link schools, and engage them in co-ordinating provision
- actively involve learners themselves in the planning, delivery and evaluation of the careers programme.