

Maria Fidelis Catholic School FCJ
Careers Programme



Vision Statement

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.

Introduction

The school is supported by The Enterprise Advisers Network and working towards the QiCs quality award through the Camden Careers Platform. We are using the Gatsby Benchmarks to create a comprehensive programme that connects the curriculum to careers, helping students make informed decisions and understand post-school employment opportunities and required skills. Our central location and strong partnerships, including an active alumni network, allow students to learn from various employers who share their experiences and offer guidance. Additionally, we are proud to be one of the few schools offering a T Level in partnership with the Francis Crick Institute, which aims to lead to employment with the Institute after the course.

Some of our partnerships include:

- Mace
- Francis Crick Institute
- Camden STEAM
- Deloitte
- Bright Futures
- Barclays (Barclays Life Skills)
- The Brokerage City Link
- Fitzrovia Youth in Action
- Urban Partners
- HS2
- The Big Alliance
- Speakers for Schools
- The Skills Builder Partnership
- The Wellcome Trust
- Lloyds inclusive Futures Programme and many more

Summary of the Careers Programme

KS3

- Life long learning sessions for Careers. This programme covers Communication and Employability Skills (including the soft skills) Resilience and Enterprise, the changing job market and development of financial capability.
- Career Information Briefings
- Networking events
- Visits to Local organisations
- A Day's internal work Experience in school
- Support with options choices
- Extra-curricular trips

KS4

- An in-depth futures programme taking place over a week-long programme where the normal timetable is suspended. Activities include university visits, career talks, apprenticeship information, networking events with alumni and volunteers from a range of organisations, insight day at Deloitte with CV and Interview Skill development.
- Bright futures workshop
- Individual interviews with the Careers Adviser
- Talks and workshops at school and outside
- Opportunities for virtual work experience
- A post 16-careers hub on Google Classroom that is updated with Labour Market Information, work experience opportunities (including virtual work experience), post 16 pathway opportunities such as apprenticeships and T-Levels and other useful career related information.
- VI Form Taster day

KS5

- Work Placements and Volunteering for all pupils. *Database of contacts for placements.*
- Internal and external workshops delivered in conjunction with our partnerships mentioned above
- Programme of external speakers delivering inspirational workshops
- Deloitte TNT Challenge
- Essay Competitions
- Mentors through Deloitte, and Arts Emergency
- A post 16-careers hub on Google Classroom that is regularly updated with Labour Market Information, work experience opportunities (including virtual work experience), post 16 pathway opportunities such as apprenticeships and T-Levels and other useful career related information.
- Pupils developing skills through internal mentoring of younger pupils.
- UCAS application preparation
- University Fairs
- University Visits
- Apprenticeship Fairs

Information is available through

- Termly Parents Newsletter
- Parent Evenings
- Parent Information sessions run by Careers Adviser
- Direct contact with Career Lead, Career Coordinator and Careers Adviser
- Google Classroom

How the school measures and assesses the impact of the programme

Feedback from students, staff and volunteers from organisations and monitoring of pupils pathways post school.

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