

Education Enrichment at Barclay Academy

Along with our knowledge-rich curriculum, Education Enrichment is one of the key pillars of Future Academies. We believe that a strong Education Enrichment programme is an essential part of raising the aspirations of our pupils and giving them both the knowledge and the skills to achieve excellence, regardless of their background or individual circumstances.

Our Education Enrichment programme encompasses the following four areas:

- Connect pupils to the world of work, future education, training and employment
- Enrich the curriculum
- Provide exposure to culture, the arts and sport
- Build character, integrity, resilience and judgement

At Barclay Academy, we believe that, while academic success is key to helping our students lead successful and fulfilling lives, it is only one part of the picture. Our Education Enrichment programme is specifically designed to help our young people develop beyond the realm of academics into well-rounded, thoughtful and healthy citizens, equipped to cope with the challenges that life throws at them. We achieve this through the provision of a broad variety of opportunities, ranging from an exciting array of extracurricular and cultural activities to talks and workshops on mental and physical health, staying safe, and developing an awareness of broader world-issues.

Curriculum Enrichment: We are proud of our exceptional and bespoke knowledge-rich curriculum, designed to provide knowledge that we believe will help our students succeed. We believe knowledge is joyful and exciting, and we want our young people to develop curiosity about, and passion for, what they are learning in school. To complement our curriculum, therefore, our Educational Enrichment programme helps to bring our students' learning to life through the provision of subject-specific field and residential trips, competitions and workshops.

Culture, the Arts and Sport: Access to culture, the arts and sport is foundational to a well-rounded and exceptional education, and is the right of all individuals, regardless of background or circumstance. We recognise that these experiences are the cornerstone of education and as such we offer a range of trips to top museums, galleries, theatres, and music venues. We also provide a wide range of sporting and artistic activities for our students, such as coaching, tuition, clubs, and competitions.

Building Character, Integrity, Resilience, Judgement: At Barclay, we value character, integrity, resilience, and judgement. We believe that these core skills will enable our students to succeed both at school and in their future academic, professional, and social endeavours. To help our young people develop these skills we provide a multitude of opportunities, including safety and wellbeing workshops, charitable work and fundraising, social awareness, and volunteering.

Careers Education Information and Guidance Programme (CEIAG)

Careers Education Information and Guidance is an important part of preparing young people for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life. A planned programme of activities supports the students in choosing pathways at key transition points that suit their interests and abilities and helps them to work towards a career path and sustainable employment.

As part of our Education Enrichment Programme CEIAG we provide students with information about higher education. Our programme includes arranging visits to universities and higher education fairs. Such events allow students to attend lectures, seminars, meet staff and other students, tour the university campus and halls of residence. Trips in the past have included visits to leading universities such as the University of Cambridge, and to the UCAS exhibition in Bedfordshire.

Students, parents and guardians are kept informed about the requirements of the University and Colleges Admissions service (UCAS) and we provide information and support about aspects of university life such as accommodation and student finance. We also provide guidance on alternative post-18 routes such as the Degree Apprenticeship programme. Information on post-16 options such as sixth form colleges and other apprenticeships is also given. Advice is always tailored to each individual student's needs and aspirations.

Our programme empowers young people to plan and manage their own futures. We acknowledge that accessibility of information is a key factor in career choice and pathway decisions. Our programme aims to raise aspirations, challenge stereotypes and actively promote equality, diversity and social mobility.

Careers guidance at Barclay Academy is impartial and promotes the best interests of the student to whom it is given. Careers guidance includes information on the range of education or training options, including apprenticeships and technical education routes and enables students to make realistic and informed decisions about their futures.

At Barclay Academy, a Personal Adviser is in school on one or two days per week and is available to all students for one-to-one guidance. Every student in year 11 is offered an individual meeting with the Personal Adviser, and meetings are arranged for other targeted students throughout the year.

We actively seek collaboration and promote opportunities for engagement with partners who can support our programme and enable students to move on to positive, appropriate and sustained destinations.

A school careers fair is held every year with the support of a wide variety of employers and education providers. An interview day is also held annually for years 11 and 13. This is an opportunity for these students to experience an interview situation and receive constructive feedback from employers.

There is a stable programme of Careers Education, delivered in tutor times, in assemblies, on/ off-timetable Enrichment Days, and through other occasional events in the school year.

Year 7

- Focus: Adapting to a new community and learning about the wide range of employment opportunities
- University visit



- Barclay Life Skills to gain an appreciation of employability skills
- STEM events
- Dragon Boat races/ Sports Leaders

Year 8

- Focus: independence skills
- Work shadowing day to start to experience the world of work
- STEM events: MBDA, Big Bang Science Fair
- Faraday challenge
- Sports Leaders
- Barclay Life Skills to gain an appreciation of employability skills
- Assemblies

Year 9

- Focus: self-assessment, career paths and option choices for Key Stage 4
- Options assembly and information evening.
- Routes into STEM.
- Sports leaders.
- Pathfinder Day at UH
- Using career planning software to explore career paths
- Attendance at school careers fair

Year 10

- Focus: developing employability skills
- Work experience week, supported by preparation beforehand, and reflection afterwards
- Employability session: employer expectations, CVs and interview skills
- Barclay Life Skills - employability skills
- Further use of career planning software to explore career paths and record own progress
- Access to school careers fair

Year 11

- Focus: Post 16 options and making applications; choosing pathways and making personalised decisions.
- Post 16 information evenings including 6th form, FE colleges and Apprenticeships
- 6th form induction
- Access to guidance with Personal Adviser
- Further use of career planning software to explore career paths and record own progress
- Mock interviews day
- Barclay Skills drop down day
- School careers Fair

Sixth form

- Focus: developing students' ability to access Further Education, Higher Education or Employment.

- Work experience week: students are encouraged and supported to research and organise their own placement
- Mock interview day
- CV workshop
- School careers fair
- UCAS preparation and support with applications for other opportunities such as Nuffield Foundation placements
- Visit to UCAS university convention - University of Bedfordshire and London Excel
- Talks by Universities and other agencies – e.g. apprenticeship information/ student finance.
- Access to guidance with YC Personal Adviser
- Careers chats with Careers Coordinator
- Access to university open days
- Summer Schools
- Targeted programmes - Oxbridge, Medicine, Law, Engineering, Finance, Sutton Trust, STEM, Sport, Arts, Nuffield Research Placements
- Further use of career planning software to explore career paths and record own progress

The Careers and Enrichment coordinator is Belinda Jenner her contact details are: b.jenner@barclay.futureacademies.org

The Senior Leadership Team member responsible for Careers at Barclay Academy is Kelly Broderick.

Provider Access Requests

We are interested to hear from providers who could offer opportunities relevant to students' progression and information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point, technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities.

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Careers and Enrichment Coordinator Belinda Jenner, Email: b.jenner@barclay.futureacademies.org

or Nick Berman Head of Education Enrichment, Telephone: 020 7828 0881 ext. 547 Email: nick.berman@futureacademies.org

As part of the school careers programme, providers will have the opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers. The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. Arrangements have to be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Education Enrichment Co-ordinator or a member of the school team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Office.

Useful Websites:

<https://successatschool.org/>

<http://www.parentalguidance.org.uk/>

<https://www.mathscareers.org.uk/>

<https://www.tomorrowseengineers.org.uk/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2019/jun/07/university-league-tables-2020>

<https://icould.com/>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJpyWnP9_EAoPp1ABX19zdA/playlists

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-apprenticeships>

<https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-in-the-uk>