



**Cheshire College
South & West**

CAREERS PROGRAMME

2021-2022

Cheshire College – South & West is committed to delivering a stable careers programme that meets the needs of all learners. Our programme is designed to raise aspirations, expand horizons and ensure learners leave college with a strong understanding of the local and national labour markets. All learners have access to a one-to-one careers appointment at a time of their choosing. Career Education is also embedded into curriculum and in the tutorial system. Session delivery times can be flexible with some topics depending on the needs of the learners, the course and the qualification level.

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CDI Framework

The Careers Development Institute (CDI) launched their new Career Development Framework in 2021 which looks at six key areas to enable learners to have a successful career. Our curriculum and careers programme has been closely mapped to the framework to give our learners the tools they need to manage their own career journey.

The six learning areas



Grow throughout life by learning and reflecting on yourself, your background and your strengths.



Create opportunities by being proactive and building positive relationships with others.



Explore the full range of possibilities open to you and learn about recruitment processes and the culture of different workplaces.



Balance your life as a worker and/or entrepreneur with your wellbeing, other interests and your involvement with your family and community.



Manage your career actively, make the most of opportunities and learn from setbacks.



See the big picture by paying attention to how the economy, politics and society connect with your own life and career.

Gatsby Benchmarks



The Gatsby Benchmarks are recognised nationally as a holistic framework to support the delivery of careers education and guidance. Our curriculum and careers programme have been closely mapped to the benchmarks. For more information on the Gatsby Report (2014), click here - <http://www.gatsby.org.uk/uploads/education/reports/pdf/gatsby-sir-john-holman-good-career-guidance-2014.pdf>.

1. A stable careers programme
2. Learning from career and labour market information
3. Addressing the needs of each pupil
4. Linking curriculum learning to careers
5. Encounters with employers and employees
6. Experiences of workplaces
7. Encounters with further and higher education
8. Personal guidance

Key Dates

Freshers Fair – 1 September 2021

Parent and Carers Workshop – Introducing Careers – 6 October 2021

UCAS Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science deadline – 15 October 2021

Futures Week 1 - 4 November 2021

UCAS Deadline - 15 January 2022 at 6pm

Parent and Carers Workshop – Not Going to University – 19 January 2022

National Apprenticeship Week - 7 - 12 February 2022

National Careers Week – 7 - 12 March 2022

Progression Interviews – W/c 21 March 2022

Parent and Carers Workshop – Finding that job – 4 May 2022

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