



Cheshire College  
South & West

# CAREERS PROGRAMME

**2023–2024**

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**Cheshire College – South & West** is committed to delivering a stable careers programme that meets the needs of all students. Our programme is designed to raise aspirations, expand horizons and ensure students leave college with a strong understanding of the local and national labour markets. All students have access to a one-to-one careers appointment at a time of their choosing. Careers Education is also embedded within curriculum and the tutorial programme. Session delivery times

can be flexible with some topics depending on the needs of the students, course and qualification level.

All of the below is subject to change and may involve some virtual aspects. Cheshire College actively strives to follow the Gatsby Careers Benchmarks (GB) and map our provision against the Careers Development Institute (CDI) new Career Development Framework (CDF).

# THE SIX LEARNING AREAS

## CDI FRAMEWORK

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

### GROW THROUGHOUT LIFE



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

### CREATE OPPORTUNITIES



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

# 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 – [Gatsby Report](#)

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

## EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES



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

## MANAGE CAREER



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

## BALANCE LIFE AND WORK



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

## SEE THE BIG PICTURE



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

**PRE-ENTRY****AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC JAN**

School Partnerships Activities



Open Events



Admissions Guidance Interviews



Welcome Event

Enrolment (initial advice and guidance)

**ON PROGRAMME****AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC JAN**

'Swap Don't Drop' Initiative



Pledge Careers Fairs



Careers appointments



Guest Employer speakers/workshops



Trips and visits



Careers Tutorials



Work Experience



Enrichment activities

**FUTURE FOCUS****AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC JAN**

UCAS support



Futures Programme



Pledge Employer Readiness Programme



University Open Days



Widening Participating Programmes



Apprenticeship Workshops

**MOVING ON****AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC JAN**

'What next?' Progression Guidance Meetings



Results Day (Advice and guidance)



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# KEY DATES

## PLEDGE CAREERS FAIRS

Crewe Campus  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Chester Campus  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Ellesmere Port Campus  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

UCAS Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry  
and Veterinary Science  
Deadline 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Green Careers Week  
6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023

UCAS Deadline  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 at 6pm

National Apprenticeship Week  
5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

National Careers Week  
4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Progression Guidance Interviews  
March 2024

## CONTACT DETAILS

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