

Careers programme: Dixons Sixth Form Academy

This document is designed to provide a summary of the high-quality careers provision at our academy. It should be read in line with our trust policy, and with regards to the [statutory guidance](#).

Year group	Information	Gatsby Benchmarks
1	Careers Day: UCAS and Apprenticeship Fair. We hold an annual Careers fair in which all YR1 students get the opportunity to meet with employers and university to explore what they might want to do after they leave D6A	5,7
	Employability - Oracy project. All YR1 students are asked to present on their intended next steps. This is a great opportunity to develop your communication and confidence, skills directly highlighted by employers as in demand.	3,4
	Raised in Yorkshire Enrichment programme. This programme is aimed at future dentists and involves delivering oral health workshops to local school children. Many of our cohort go onto undertake work experience with dentists and take part in Leeds Universities Dental School summer school.;	5,6,7
	Elevate Enrichment programme – for any students who are interested in Oxford, Cambridge or Russell group applications. We meet weekly to provide you with advice and guidance, reading suggestions and experience in delivering presentations on your next steps.	3,7
	Personal statement workshops – Huddersfield University come into college to provided 1-1 feedback on your draft personal statements.	7,8
	Work experience placements – All students are expected to secure at least one work experience placement during their course of study. We provide advice and guidance during tutorial on how to do this.	6,3
2	Apprenticeship provider visit – GXO logistics. We visit local apprenticeships provider GXO to find out more about their L4 degree apprenticeship.	5,6
	Apprenticeship Fair visit – we travel to local apprenticeship fairs to meet with employers and find out more about what is available.	5,7
	Employability – Oracy project – in YR2 all students are expected to develop a speech about a topic of their choice. We unpick what makes a great speaker and provide specific feedback to finetune your final presentation.	4,3
	Careers Day: 1-1 mock interview. We invite in over 50 colleagues from industry and universities to provide all YR2 students with a 10-minute interview and feedback.	5,8
All students	Careers Bulletin: we send out weekly information about upcoming work experience, vacancies, volunteering opportunities and suggestions of how to improve your CV	1,2
	Careers Advisor appointments: Every student at the college is provided with the opportunity to meet with our L6 qualified Careers Advisor to receive tailor made advice on your next steps	8,3
	Subject trips and visits: Every subject area is required to plan a trip, visit, or external speaker to supplement your studies.	4,5
	Tutorial next steps 1-1s: Every student receives regular check ins with their tutors regarding their next steps. This includes personal statement advice and guidance and support with accessing university/employer visits as well as mock interviews.	3,8
	EPQ – all students are given the opportunity to apply to study an extra qualification known as the EPQ (Extended project qualification). This provides all students with extra research and communication skills, highlighted by employers as crucial for success.	4,3

In the future

Look out for our new employability skills model which will be embedded throughout our curriculum soon!