



David Ross Education Trust
Broadening Horizons

DAVID ROSS EDUCATION TRUST POLICY STATEMENT CAREERS EDUCATION, INFORMATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

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The David Ross Education Trust is committed to delivering a world-class careers education, information, advice and guidance to its students.

All academies offer provision to meet the needs of our students in line with the Gatsby benchmarks.

The Trust aims to broaden the horizons of its students and give them the opportunity to be the best they can be, in all aspects of their life, including their future career progression when they leave our Trust. We recognise the importance of excellent careers education, information, advice and guidance and giving our students the skills to manage their choices when they leave us.

AIMS

- 1. To inspire and engage students in planning their own career path and increase their motivation to aim high using appropriate labour market information and online tools**
- 2. To engage with a large number of employers and other organisations, including colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers in a range of ways to give students real life experiences of the world of work**
- 3. To inspire students to achieve their maximum potential in order to give them the opportunities they aspire to both academically, personally and in relation to their future**

Each secondary academy has an embedded programme of careers education that is shared by all key stakeholders including students, parents, staff and governors. The programme aims to ensure that our students are making informed decisions, with excellent careers guidance, using labour market information from reliable sources and online tools to support their learning. The programme is called the student entitlement.

Every student in our Trust is unique and has their own goals and aspirations and we recognise that this is vitally important in them realising their dreams. Students are provided with a range of interactions during their time in their academy to help them navigate their own personal journey. Students are supported on this journey by a careers adviser who is impartial and independent. In all

aspects of their school life we address the links to the world of work and ensure students understand the links between what they learn in the classroom and how this can be developed outside of school in the future. This includes teacher CPD and involving our key partners, employers, to help embed this message.

Encounters with employers are vital and we continue to develop a growing number of key strategic partnerships to ensure our students learn from and with them to understand the breadth of opportunities available to them both locally and further afield. Each student will have a number of interactions with employers across their school life including Business Banquets, Professionals Days, seminars and visits. In addition to this we also invite students to visit work places to see first-hand what is ahead of them.

To support students in making choices about their post 16 options local colleges, universities and training providers are invited to provide students with a broad range of information about options available to them. This will include both vocational and academic routes locally and further afield. This information is supported by excellent, independent and impartial careers guidance delivered by a Level 6 trained professional.