

Snowfields Academy Careers Education

Vision for Pupil's Aspirations

Snowfields Academy aims to provide the very best care and education to expertly meet the needs of each individual student. Every aspect of school life will ensure nurture meets aspiration. In a caring, supportive and purpose built environment designed to ensure every individual can be themselves, specialist staff will work hand in hand with students, their families and other professionals to ensure everyone is safe, happy and successful.

We aim for every student to be prepared to successfully transition to the next stage of their lives. Therefore, learning will be embedded functionally, and every student will have vocational learning embedded as part of their curriculum. Most of our students will go on to further learning or employment.

Students will receive a comprehensive careers education programme following the Gatsby Benchmarks. Our students will have the opportunity for individual and group career guidance and have access to accurate, up-to-date and comprehensive careers information appropriate to their needs. We will offer a bespoke curriculum so that all so that all students can access appropriate vocational courses depending upon their interests and skills. This will lead to vocational qualifications for many students. Students have opportunities to listen to external speakers who will come into our Academy and talk to students positively about the opportunities that are available to them each year.

We offer:

- A careers related education programme; lessons, workshops, external speakers, taster days and work-related learning
- Regular feedback on academic progress and how to improve so students can achieve their goals
- Support to develop better self-awareness so students are able to recognise their own strengths, areas for development, motivators, skills and abilities
- Assistance when accessing and understanding information about open days, apprenticeships, jobs and colleges
- Independent information, advice and guidance on future career options when students leave Snowfields Academy
- An understanding of the opportunities that are available and how to access them , so students can make their own positive decisions about their future
- Access to independent and impartial guidance so students are able to make choices and the plans that are best for them
- A transition plan for students to plan their future with full support from the Academy
- Access to comprehensive, user-friendly web-based information to help with decision making
- Support with letters of application, filling in forms etc.

- Help with choices in years 9, 11 and 13

Academic and vocational pathways

Snowfields Academy will deliver clearly defined curriculum pathways for students, ensuring that there are:

- Opportunities for every student to learn to live well with their autism enabling them to thrive academically and personally
- Memorable experiences with rich opportunities for high quality learning following the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme
- Customised approaches to the changing needs of individuals and groups
- Tailored programmes which are coherent and relevant, enabling outstanding vocational and academic progress
- A highly personalised approach so each student accesses their learning effectively
- Support for every student to be ready for the next steps in their learning and participation in, and contribute to, life in modern Britain
- Enjoyment and engagement for all students
- A broad and balanced experience for all students
- Improvement of academic outcomes year on year, with an aspiration to achieve beyond national averages for students with a similar profile
- Exceptional personal progression pathways for all students regardless of their interests, age, abilities and aspirations
- Excellent work based opportunities emphasising the skills necessary for employment
- Challenge and aspiration so that each child can achieve his or her very best

Key Stage 5

Vocational strand: students will choose 1 or 2 of the subjects below as appropriate:

- Hospitality
- Catering
- Horticulture
- Land Based Studies
- Retail
- ICT

Based on the needs of the student, they will be able to access either a vocational programme or a combination of vocational and academic subjects.

Academic strand:

- Art
- Resistant Materials
- Food Technology

- Humanities

The Wider Community

We believe that the school has a duty to share best practice and this will be done by:

- Developing partnerships with other schools and colleges, within and beyond Leigh Academies Trust
- Linking with local businesses and workplace settings

Liaison with parents

Parents have the opportunity to speak to leaders, teaching staff and our careers adviser about the next academic and career steps for their child at parents' evenings and as required.

Employers / Careers Education Providers

Please contact us at info@snowfieldsacademy.org.uk if you are interested in presenting to parents or pupils Snowfields Academy

We are also interested in hearing about supported internship/apprenticeship opportunities. We are particularly keen to hear from employers in hospitality and catering, horticulture, office and retail.