



## **Raising Aspirations**

### **Axe Valley Academy's Careers Programme**

Here at Axe Valley we have an embedded and inspiring programme of career education and guidance which is regularly reviewed with students, staff and external bodies.

#### **For our Work Related Learning Policy refer to:**

<http://axevalley.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Work-Related-Learning-Policy-Jan-2018.pdf>

#### **For our Careers Guidance and Education Policy refer to:**

<http://axevalley.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/Careers-Guidance-and-Education-Policy-Nov-2017.pdf>

Our Careers Leader is Mr Jonathan Scott, who works closely with colleagues on work experience programmes, the co-ordination of careers events and guest speakers, and Raising Aspirations, implementing students' careers guidance.

Due to students having to be in education or training until at least 18 years of age, we relay independent post-16 information about different sixth form schools and further education colleges, as well as apprenticeships and technical routes, so that our students are aware of different future study options. This guidance is presented in an impartial manner, showing no bias or favouritism towards a particular institution, education or work option;

It includes information on the range of education or training options, including apprenticeships and technical education routes;

And guidance is given promoting the best interests of the individual student.

By the end of 2020 Axe Valley Academy will offer at least one different encounter per year for each year with employers including Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) industries, and by the age of 14 from 2020 all students will have had the opportunity to learn how different STEM subjects help people gain entry into a range of careers.

We work alongside local and our feeder primary schools to introduce different employers and STEM skills to children from a young age. Students, parents and carers can obtain support from The National Careers Service <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>



### Provider Access statement

Axe Valley Academy's statement sets out arrangements for managing the access of the provider's education or training offers. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997. All students in years 7-13 are entitled to:

- find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point
- hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through Options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events
- understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses

### **Procedure and Opportunities for Access**

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and their parents/carers. Providers requesting access should contact the Raising Aspirations Co-ordinator, Catherine Morgan.

Tel AVA (01297) 32146. Email: [admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk).

Grounds for granting or refusing requests may be based upon access that is fair to all students and other further education provisions. Where access is granted, details of the facilities will be given to the interested party. Our governing body also encourages employer engagement and has an interest in careers education.

Example programme:

PROGRAMME	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Life Skills- assemblies and tutor group opportunities	Life Skills- assemblies and tutor group opportunities	Event for universities & Technology colleges
Year 8	Event for universities & Technology colleges	Life Skills- assemblies and tutor group opportunities	Life Skills- assemblies and tutor opportunities
Year 9	Event for unis & Tech colleges	KS4 options event	
Year 10	Life skills- work experience prep sessions		Life Skills- assemblies and tutor opportunities
Year 11	Higher Ed fair. Event for unis & Tech colleges. Small group sessions- future ed, training/ employment options	Post 16 evening Post 16 taster sessions.	
Year 13	Workshops- HE and Higher apprenticeship applications		



Please speak to our Raising Aspirations Co-ordinator to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

### **Premises and facilities**

The Academy will make the main hall, our conference room, classrooms or private meetings rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The Academy will also facilitate specialist equipment for provider presentations to be agreed in advance of the visit.

Providers are welcome to leave their literature for Ava to display in the dedicated Careers Resource Centre, which is available to all students at all break times.

### **Approval and review**

Approved (date) by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee

New review: (date)

Signed: name/ Chair of Governors.

Executive Headteacher Martin Brook