

Blackpool Sixth Careers programme

Month	Activity	Gatsby benchmark
Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results day including advice from Heads of Department and Careers Advisor • GCSE results day and Blackpool Sixth enrolment 	3 - Addressing the needs of each student
Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Futures day for upper sixth students on making progress with their plans to secure positive progression after college including talks about labour market information and a careers fair; higher education, apprenticeships, work with training, gap years and entrepreneurship are all represented. • Induction to college and lessons chosen at enrolment for Route 3 and lower sixth students • Route 3 mock interviews. • Charity event organised and hosted by students on the Route 3 programme • Course change window for lower sixth • Level 6 Careers Advisors available in Futures for individual and independent careers advice • Upper sixth pastoral mentor (PM) "Life Links" sessions on writing a successful UCAS/apprenticeship/job application 	2 - Learning from career and labour market information 3 - Addressing the needs of each student 5 - Encounters with employers and employees 7- Encounters with further and higher education 8 - Personal guidance
Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career advice and work placement break-out sessions commences for all year groups • Career Ready interviews commence for students who applied for the programme • Level 6 Careers Advisors available in Futures for individual and independent careers advice 	6 - Experiences of workplaces 8 - Personal guidance
Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock interviews for students in upper sixth • Level 6 Careers Advisors available in Futures for individual and independent careers advice • Lower sixth PM "Life Links" sessions cover Employability, CV/Interview/Application Form • Upper sixth PM "Life Links" sessions on interviews 	5 - Encounters with employers and employees 8 - Personal

		guidance
Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Christmas markets • Level 6 Careers Advisors available in Futures for individual and independent careers advice • Upper sixth PM “Life Links” sessions on social media and employability 	8 - Personal guidance
Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Ready programme commences for lower sixth students • Working Options workshops open to all year groups • Careers week • Level 6 Careers Advisors available in Futures for individual and independent careers advice • Upper sixth PM “Life Links” sessions on alternatives to higher education • Upper sixth PM “Life Links” sessions on budgeting and mortgages 	4 - Linking curriculum learning to careers 5 - Encounters with employers and employees 8 - Personal guidance
Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer week • Employability and Career Ready graduation • Competency based employability workshop open to all year groups • Preparing for university workshops open to Upper Sixth • Level 6 Careers Advisors available in Futures for individual and independent careers advice • Progress review days including next steps talks for all students • Lower sixth PM “Life Links” sessions cover skills check • Upper sixth PM “Life Links” sessions on mortgages and the cost of running a home 	5 - Encounters with employers and employees 7 - Encounters with further and higher education 8 - Personal guidance
Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Service marketplace - with a focus on developing work competencies needed in today’s businesses • Spring programme of employer encounters - Bespoke to each curriculum area and student need, employers and motivational speakers are arranged to come and talk and inspire students • Building Futures event - Careers fair with a range of higher education providers, training providers, apprenticeship providers and employers • Charity Route 3 Enterprise • Level 6 Careers Advisors available in Futures for individual 	5 - Encounters with employers and employees 8 - Personal guidance

	<p>and independent careers advice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower sixth PM “Life Links” sessions on Higher education, student finance, information about apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships • Upper sixth PM “Life Links” sessions on students finance and student bank accounts 	
Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring programme of employer encounters - bespoke to each curriculum area and student need, employers and motivational speakers are arranged to come and talk and inspire students • Armed Forces career talks open for all year groups • Level 6 Careers Advisors available in Futures for individual and independent careers advice • Lower sixth PM “Life Links” sessions on employment with training • Upper sixth PM “Life Links” sessions on results day and clearing information 	<p>5 - Encounters with employers and employees</p> <p>8 - Personal guidance</p>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barclays skills workshop: Skills for career progression, finding employment, and using your CV open to all year groups • Level 6 Careers Advisors available in Futures for individual and independent careers advice • Lower sixth PM “Life Links” sessions on making the most of a gap year 	<p>5 - Encounters with employers and employees</p> <p>8 - Personal guidance</p>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 10 Experience day • Year 11 Taster days • Mock interviews for lower sixth students • Army experience day open to those taking a public services subject • Level 6 Careers Advisors available in Futures for individual and independent careers advice • Lower sixth PM “Life Links” sessions on applications and statements 	<p>5 - Encounters with employers and employees</p> <p>8 - Personal guidance</p>
Through out 1819	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject-led events including enterprise challenges, subject specific talks, mock interviews, work experience and work placement across all year groups • Careers website including a careers blog, job skills information, job opportunities and links to relevant careers information websites • Careers resources and social media presence • Educational and industrial trips and visits open to all year groups 	<p>4 - Linking curriculum learning to careers</p> <p>5 - Encounters with employers and</p>

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