

Careers Programme at Atlantic Academy

Our careers programme aims to prepare students for the workplace and support them in choosing the right career path. It is delivered in Character Curriculum lessons.

In addition to the topics listed below, students will also have the opportunity to:

- Attend a careers fair at the academy visited by a range of local employers
- Attend talks at the academy from local employers from a range of industries
- Complete work experience
- Have one-to-one careers interviews

Communication skills

Students learn the importance of listening, non-verbal communication, being clear, choosing formal or informal language, and facial expressions.

Team skills

Students learn the importance of working together, prioritising others, listening well, cooperating and compromising to achieve a common goal.

Entrepreneurship

Students learn about the difference between an entrepreneur and an employee, and what personal attributes will make someone a good entrepreneur.

Growth mindset to achieve

Students learn about how mindset can hold you back or help you succeed, and learn strategies to improve their own growth mindset.

Developing interpersonal skills

Students learn about what interpersonal skills are, how these skills can benefit them in the workplace, and how to develop their interpersonal skills.

Employability: applying and preparing

Looking at different case studies, students learn about the skills that a range of different employers are looking for, and how to demonstrate these skills.

Enterprising qualities and personality

Students learn what enterprising qualities are, learning the importance of research, identifying opportunities and lateral thinking.

Workplace skills

Students continue to learn about the skills that employers look for and how to demonstrate these in the workplace.

Self-discipline to achieve

Students create a personal development plan, setting goals and creating timelines for meeting them.

The right career for me

Students discuss their dream job, exploring what job might suit them based on their ambitions, qualifications, interests, skills and personality traits.

What employers are looking for in a CV

Students look at examples of good CVs and discuss what makes them effective. They will practise creating a CV.

Rights and responsibilities in the workplace

Students learn about protection against discrimination and responsibilities employers have to their employees within the workplace and during the application process.

Preparing for work experience

Students learn what work experience is, how to start choosing what work experience placement they would want, and how to be successful while completing work experience. Students will be supported by their coaches and subject teachers to secure a work experience placement.

Work experience

Students complete work experience placements with local employers.

Evaluation of work experience

Students will evaluate how well their work experience placement went, what they can learn from their placement and how it might influence their future career choice.

College application process: virtual tour

Students will have a virtual tour of a local college.

Covering letters, CV writing and interview techniques

Students will learn how to improve their CV, how to write a covering letter and how to perform well in interviews.

Applying to college and university

Students will learn about the college and university application process.

How we prepare for job interviews

Students will have a chance to practise job interviews to improve their skills.