

## Year 8 Careers Programme

Theme	Student Aims (What will students learn?)	Gatsby Benchmark
Exploring Careers & Self-Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the concept of careers and why planning matters</li> <li>• Reflect on personal interests and skills</li> <li>• Know where to access careers support</li> </ul>	1,3,2
Labour Market & Local Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn about local employers and growth industries</li> <li>• Understand how jobs link to subjects</li> <li>• Explore labour market trends</li> </ul>	2,5
Employability Skills & Confidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills</li> <li>• Build confidence in speaking to employers</li> <li>• Understand workplace expectations</li> </ul>	3,5,8
Post-16 Pathways & Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand GCSE choices and their impact</li> <li>• Learn about A levels, T levels, apprenticeships, and vocational routes</li> <li>• Begin considering personal pathways</li> </ul>	4,7,8
Real World Experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gain insight into workplaces</li> <li>• Meet role models and alumni</li> <li>• Reflect on how experiences influence career ideas</li> </ul>	5,6
Reflection & Future Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review learning and progress</li> <li>• Set goals for Year 9</li> <li>• Know how to seek further careers guidance</li> </ul>	3,8

