



BLUECOAT CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Careers Programme Overview 2026/2027



Vision Statement

Our careers curriculum empowers every student to make informed and confident decisions about their future. Through meaningful careers education, employer and education encounters, work experience, labour market information and personalised guidance, students develop the knowledge, skills, aspirations and resilience needed to successfully progress into further education, apprenticeships, employment and beyond.

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Milestones and Learning Outcomes

Year 13

By the end of Year 13, students will have received personalised careers guidance, explored Post-18 options, and developed the knowledge and confidence to successfully progress to their chosen destination.

Year 12

By the end of Year 12, students will have gained additional workplace and gained University insight, developed financial, wellbeing and resilience skills, and confidently planned their future education and career pathways.

Year 11

By the end of Year 11, students will have received personalised careers guidance, explored Post-16 pathways, developed interview skills, and begun preparing personal statements for future applications.

Year 10

By the end of Year 10, students will develop workplace experience, strengthen their financial and wellbeing awareness, and begin preparing for future interviews and higher education opportunities.

Year 9

By the end of Year 9, students will make informed subject choices, understand Post-16 and career pathways, and use LMI to support their future plans and aspirations.

Year 8

By the end of Year 8, students will understand a wider range of career options, develop financial awareness, and recognise the key employability skills needed for future careers.

Year 7

By the end of Year 7, students will understand different career pathways, explore future opportunities, and know how to access careers support through Unifrog and the Careers Adviser.

Key Events and Experiences

Year 13

- Students are provided with a rigorous programme of support in applying to future destinations via UCAS.
- Display a variety of post 18 options including university and apprenticeships.
- All students receive careers advice and a formal careers interview.

Year 12

- All students in Year 12 take part in a work experience placement.
- Students develop essential skills in financial management, wellbeing, stress management and resilience, while also exploring and planning their future career and education pathways.
- University Visits.

Year 11

- All students receive careers advice and a formal careers interview.
- Students and parents access high-quality information on Sixth Form pathway at BCA.
- Barclays LifeSkills: Students use STAR to prepare for mock interviews.
- Students prepare initial personal statement for future applications.

Year 10

- All year 10 Students are encouraged to undertake a work experience placement.
- Students gain enhanced understanding of financial capability and future wellbeing.
- Students assess the purpose of interviews and begin preparation.
- A representative from Oriel College delivers an assembly on Oxford & Cambridge University.

Year 9

- Subject Choices Evening: Explore subjects, career pathways and informed choices.
- Employers and education providers share career pathways and Post-16 options.
- Expand Labour Market Information (LMI) to inform their career and subject choices.
- Aspirational opportunities

Year 8

- Broaden students career ideas and access to Labour Market Information.
- Students gain understanding of financial capability.
- Students are introduced to employability skills/qualities as those required by prospective career paths.

Year 7

- Students complete the Future Skills questionnaire to assess their careers knowledge.
- Employers, Businesses and Educational Institutes
- Introduction to Unifrog and careers advisor
- Roles and Responsibilities in careers.

Inspiring and preparing young
people for the world of work.