

Oxfordshire Hospital School Careers Information, Advice and Guidance Statement (CIAG)

Context

The OHS supports children and young people with medical needs who cannot attend school full time. As a hospital school, we are exempt from the statutory guidance (Careers Guidance and Access for Education and Training Providers, 2018) as the DfE recognises that it would not be possible for us to meet all the requirements. However, we are committed to ensuring that our pupils are supported onto a pathway well matched to their skill set and interests and we recognise the importance of working with enrolled schools and colleges to ensure that our pupils are well placed to move on to appropriate further education, apprenticeship or workplace.

Responsibilities

Our Careers Leads are the Leaders of Learning, supported by the Head Teacher, Steve Lowe, Assistant Head Teacher, Helen White and Careers Governor, Michael Goode.

Sources of Careers Advice and Guidance

The OHS has a bespoke programme of 1:1 careers advice and uses a range of resources, including a bespoke website, Career Companion, which has details of local colleges, universities, apprenticeship vacancies, as well as information about different careers. Independent advice and guidance is secured through enrolled schools or colleges; this ensures that our pupils have access to external sources of information on the full range of education and training options. We also work with enrolled schools and colleges to ensure that pupils in years 10 and 11 who are well enough, are offered the opportunity for an experience of work; each placement is carefully chosen and matched to ensure that the pupil can be successful, regardless of their medical condition.

Statement of Intent

At OHS, we recognise that good career guidance is critical to our pupils because of their vulnerability. Knowing what they want to do in the future helps to motivate and inspire them to complete their studies. We aim to ensure that careers programmes are personalised to each pupil's needs and helps widen their ideas about career opportunities and raises their aspirations. This statement sets out how we meet as much of the requirement as possible as we recognise that this a recommended model of good practice.

The vast majority of our pupils are on reintegration programmes returning to their enrolled schools and colleges and, as such, we advocate for enrolled schools and colleges to provide quality careers education, advice and guidance. In addition to this, we offer a supplementary programme of careers education, advice and guidance which is delivered by staff with appropriate skills and experience. Where pupils leave us to move onto further medical or residential placements, we ensure that relevant agencies become involved to hold and support next steps planning.

OHS has completed the 'Compass' assessment against The Gatsby Benchmarks to ensure that we are providing the best service we can to our pupils and to challenge ourselves to improve our offer; it also allows us to challenge schools to ensure they are fulfilling their responsibilities.

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