



Jobcentre Plus Support for Schools Cumbria / Lancashire

Jobcentre Plus support for schools made its manifesto offer in April 2016 to support and compliment schools in England in delivering their statutory duty to provide high quality, independent and impartial careers advice to pupils in Secondary and Further Education.

With the excellent professional support already available in and to schools, along with Career Hubs, our aim is to supplement this, not replace or duplicate it. Our **Free service** is responsive, flexible and demand led by schools, predominantly aimed at SEND students, Pupil Referral Units or mainstream Schools with Pupil premium students together with students at risk of becoming NEET

HOW WE CAN HELP SUPPORT YOUR CAREERS STRATEGY

S4S DWP Gatsby Benchmarks	Presentations	1 to 1 Information & advice sessions	Interactive Workshops	Facilitation of Work placement & Industry Speaker	Careers/Higher Education Fairs	Speed Networking, Mock Interviews	How we can support
1. A stable careers programme							
2. Learning from career and labour market information	✓	✓	✓				We can provide Introduction to employers and pathways, hidden career roles within sectors, LMI knowledge
3. Addressing the needs of each pupil		✓			✓		We actively seek to inspire students, to think about how their skills and experience can be used along any pathway they ultimately decide, giving impartial advice & information on where to look.
4. Linking curriculum learning to careers			✓	✓	✓		Our activities help to break down industry myths and create awareness about STEM subjects and the many different job roles within sectors.
5. Encounters with employers and employees			✓	✓		✓	These events expose young people to professionals from different sectors, learning about their career paths, what their jobs looks like and also a source to help students to develop soft skills they may not get the opportunity to learn in school.
6. Experience of Workplaces				✓			We tap into our employer network to link them with schools in order to provide students with an opportunity to have first-hand experience of the workplace and further aid their exploration of different opportunities.
7. Encounters with further and higher education					✓		Schools arrange this directly for their students, but we also have promoted events to our vast school's network to support their students.
8. Personal guidance	We are not qualified to give personal guidance, only advise & information						

As this offer is bespoke and will be designed around the school's requirements, there are other Employability related sessions and options available, the list is not exhaustive and we are happy to discuss any proposals/ideas that schools may have.

- Aspirations
- Presenting me (CV advice, social media, first impressions, Mock Interviews)
- Discovering my local labour market
- Skills employers value and the importance of work experience
- Applications and interviews
- Routes into traineeships, Apprenticeships, work, learning and progression

We also have many virtual presentations, together with voice notes attached if face to face delivery is not permitted during COVID

To discuss your schools needs and how we can support, please contact your local Cumbria /Lancashire Schools Advisor Bethany.Bury@dwp.gov.uk (Pennine and East Lancs), Claire.Rose@dwp.gov.uk (West Lancs), Margaret.Redhead@dwp.gov.uk (Cumbria), Tova.Mcnally@dwp.gov.uk (Cumbria)