



SCHOOL LIAISON ACTIVITY GUIDE

**SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENTS ON THEIR LEARNING JOURNEY.
SUPPORTING YOU TO MEET THE GATSBY BENCHMARKS.**



South Tyneside College



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SCHOOL LIAISON SERVICE

The school liaison service is here to ensure your students have the correct information and advice and guidance to make an informed decision about what their options are after their GCSE exams. It is also a key part of supporting you in meeting the Gatsby Benchmarks.

WE CAN SUPPORT YOU IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- One-to-one meetings to offer independent advice and guidance on Further Education opportunities
- Impartial careers advice
- Organising interactive experience days to give students a taste of college life
- Visits to our college campus, bespoke to you/your students requirements (including free transport and lunch)
- Support in delivering careers events you hold at school
- Provide speakers for assemblies, workshops and motivational sessions
- Support in completing application forms
- Information and advice about university and Higher Education
- Support and advice on professional and vocational study and associated careers
- Apprenticeships - what they offer and how to apply
- Sector specific careers advice, including careers at sea via our Queen's Award winning South Shields Marine School
- Sponsorship of school events, such as student celebrations, awards and proms
- Information and guidance on the new T-Level offer
- Tailored year group employability sessions
- Sessions focussing on maths & English in the world of work
- NEW parent 'mini' workshops to give parents and carers the chance to try out a vocational subject

OPEN EVENTS

Our calendar of events is below to offer continued support to you, parents and pupils. This is to ensure continuity of support for yourselves, parents and students. Regular open events give students the chance to find out more about college life, take part in practical demonstrations, and discuss their options with our curriculum staff and student advisors.

Our open nights take place at our Westoe Campus.

DATES

- Tuesday, 6th December, 5pm-7pm
- Tuesday, 17th January, 5pm-7pm
- Tuesday, 7th February, 5pm-7pm
- Tuesday, 7th March 5pm-7pm
- Tuesday, 18th April, 5pm-7pm
- Tuesday 6th June, 5pm-7pm

EXPERIENCE MARINE

In a world of many choices, embarking on a career at sea can be one of the most exciting steps to take. However, we know many of your students may not have considered this particular route and would benefit from coming to see it for themselves! With our expert lecturers and world-class facilities, we can offer full or half day tasters, with your students experiencing our Marine

Simulator and Environmental Pool (creating realistic sea conditions with the use of wind, waves, rain, and sound effects).

As part of our unique offer, we will include all transport and lunch and even have risk assessments covered to make the trip as easy as possible for you.

SUPPORTING YOU TO MEET THE GATSBY BENCHMARKS

We have taken every step to innovate and adapt our School Engagement offer, and are excited to deliver our extensive programme to inspire all of your students.

As a large organisation spanning north and south of the river we have our own specialists and support staff as well as a vast network of employers in place to support you and your schools with the task of meeting each benchmark.

1. A stable careers programme

Our school liaison team is highly experienced and qualified in developing and delivering quality careers support. This is reflected in our strong, long standing links with local schools. We are passionate about raising aspirations and motivating young people, increasing their awareness of the full range of learning opportunities available to them.

Our team actively prioritise the importance of career planning, rather than promotion of courses, which is evidenced in the wide range of sessions we offer.

2. Learning from career and labour market information

We offer access to labour market information and deliver it in a way that engages and enthuses your pupils, from Year 7 up to Year 11 and beyond (where there is a sixth form).

Our extensive links with employers and our ability to provide relevant and high quality information on the local labour market is second to none. We can support students with CVs, applications and interviews.

3. Addressing the needs of each student

We are dedicated to delivering content tailored to different industries and have an extensive selection of industry specialists, ranging from colleagues at our world-renowned South Shields Marine School to our ex-industry lecturers and commercial teams.

With equality of opportunity at the forefront of what we do, we deliver programmes from Level 1 up to HE and adult programmes – and our careers offer is personalised. This is because we understand that students come to us at different stages of their progression, and with different levels of ability.

Opportunities for advice, guidance and support must be tailored to the needs of each learner.

OUR SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICERS CAN WORK WITH PUPILS TO CREATE ACTION PLANS FOR PROGRESSION AND WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS TO HELP THEM ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS. WE ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO IMPROVING SOCIAL MOBILITY, CHALLENGING STEREOTYPICAL THINKING AND WORKING WITH YOU TO RAISE PUPIL ASPIRATIONS.

WE DELIVER APPROPRIATE CAREER GUIDANCE TO MEET THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF EACH LEARNER.

4. Linking curriculum learning to careers

This challenging benchmark can be supported by working with our expert departments to embed careers in to the curriculum.

Our staff have vast industry experience in their fields, and are passionate about passing on their knowledge to the workforce of the future.

We have developed a programme to support the importance of maths and English, from a vocational pathway point of view. Students are a lot more open to developing these key skills when it comes to their future, and a vocation they are interested in. We can work with you to embed careers into subject areas and provide workshops, speakers and activities to engage students, bringing careers to life in the classroom.

Our offer of support to link curriculum learning to careers extends to lower year groups in KS4. We know the importance of early intervention, and our programmes are designed to support at key decision points, for example year 9 option choices.

5. Introductions with employers and employees

Our vocational offer is designed in collaboration with employers, the skills' agenda and LEP priorities. By aligning our curriculum with employer need and working closely with industry, we can ensure students are setting realistic and achievable goals.

We can organise engaging, meaningful encounters with employers due to our strong links with a wide range of sectors and contacts with employers from start ups and SME's to large corporate organisations.

6. Experiences of workplace

We draw upon our broad employer links, offering meaningful and significant workplace experiences, allowing pupils to investigate potential career paths and discover what the world of work has to offer.

7. Encounters with Further and Higher Education

Our curriculum offer reflects local and national labour market trends, ensuring that our students are being prepared appropriately for their next steps. Our School Liaison offer reflects this, and can be translated into the classroom through workshops and discussions with industry specialists.

8. Personal Guidance

We have Level 6 qualified staff who can support you with impartial and independent careers guidance interviews, allowing each pupil to have the same opportunity for high-quality support.

Our School Liaison Officers have years of experience in ensuring young people explore all pathways available to them.

WE ARE INVESTED IN SUPPORTING YOUR SCHOOL ACROSS ALL AGE GROUPS, ENSURING THAT QUALITY CAREERS GUIDANCE IS OFFERED FROM A YOUNG AGE.

NAVIGATING FURTHER EDUCATION

The sessions are designed to inform and prepare students for their next steps and can all be tailored to slot into your careers programme.

Title	Description	Year Group	Duration	Session Type	Gatsby Benchmarks
Assemblies	Flexible for a range of year groups our assemblies are often the first introduction to college life for a student. These short sessions are a great starting point to excite and engage students in finding out more about a range of career and educational options.	Year 9 - 11	Flexible	Presentation	5,7
Vocational vs Academic	This session gives students an insight into the key differences between vocational study and academic courses.	Year 9-11	45 mins	Presentation and Q&A	2,5,7
Intro to Marine	This is a deep dive into our Marine school, showing students exactly what a career in Marine looks like and how they get into this exciting sector.	Year 9 – 11	45 mins	Exploratory session	7
Intro to HE	An introduction to all things Higher Education, including choosing the right course, entry requirements, the application process and all the added extras when you get there.	Year 12 – 13	45 mins	Presentation	7
Study Skills	Developed in collaboration with our college lecturers, this interactive workshop aims to prepare students for further study. This session covers topics such as, independent study, note taking and revision tips and can be delivered in full or as separate modules	Year 9 – 13	Flexible	Interactive Activity	2,5,7
Myth-busting Apprenticeships	Quick fire activities designed to dispel any misconceptions around apprenticeships. This workshop based session will highlight the progression within apprenticeships and focus on how students can improve their prospects when applying for apprenticeships. This session can also be followed up by application support sessions and mock interviews.	Year 11	60 mins	Workshop	2,5,7
Figuring out Finance NEW	This fun, interactive game will get students thinking about the value of money. Whilst identifying real life financial issues, students will be challenged to face their problems head on. Students will learn all about financial support through education and explore how best to manage their money.	Year 11 -13	60 mins	Interactive Activity	7
Careers Quiz	This fun-filled interactive session walks students through a careers quiz, identifying key skills that they have and how these are linked to different careers	Year 9	60 mins	Interactive Activity	2,3,4,7
Investigating T Levels	Navigating new options can almost turn students away due to the unknown. This interactive presentation will delve into the new T Level qualifications. T Levels are Level 3 technical programmes that will sit alongside apprenticeship and A Levels. This presentation can be rolled out to full cohorts of students, or smaller pre-identified groups.	Year 11	30 mins	Presentation	2,5,7
Sell Yourself NEW	An engaging workshop which encourages students to recognise their skills, strengths and aspirations. Through a series of activities, students will learn the do's and don't's when producing a CV or personal statement.	Year 9 – 13	60 mins	Interactive Activity	2,3,7
Maths and English in the world of work NEW	This interactive and team-based workshop will help students to understand the importance of maths and English post Year 11. Thought provoking activities and tasks will lead students into various industries and vocations, linking their learning goals to their career goals.	Year 10-11	30 mins	Workshop	4,7

SUBJECT SPECIFIC SESSIONS

In addition to our sessions surrounding further education, we also have an extensive offer of subject-specific sessions to help you meet benchmark 4.

Title	Description	Subject Areas	Year Group	Duration	Session Type	Gatsby Benchmarks
What's your Emergency?	In this interactive session, students will take on the role of an Emergency Consultant as they are faced with a number of medical scenarios on their shift in A&E.	Science, Psychology	Year 9 – 11	60 mins	Interactive Activity	4,6,7
Crimes of the Future	In this interactive session, students are presented with a crime scene and need to piece together key evidence to solve the case.	Law, English, Computer Science, Criminology	Year 9 – 11	60 mins	Interactive Activity	4,6,7
Connecting Tyneside	In this session, students are tasked with developing the pedestrian route at the Tyne Tunnel. They will build an alternative crossing and test their structure to see just how stable it is!	Construction, Technology	Year 9 – 11	60 mins	Interactive Activity	4,6,7
Be the Boss	An exciting opportunity for students to be the boss and recruit their perfect team. Students will be tasked with reviewing CVs, shortlisting candidates and interviewing for vacancies within their company. Once they have recruited their ideal employee, students will reflect on their decision and identify which candidate they want to aspire to be.	Business	Year 10 - 13	60 mins	Interactive Activity	3,4,5,6,7
Research Project	This session will guide students through the process of creating a research project plan. Students are then given the option to put their plan into action, writing up their research paper and submitting it into our competition. Our subject experts will then choose a winner and prizes will be delivered to school.	Flexible	Year 9 - 11	60 mins	Interactive Activity	3,4, 7
Finding your Sound NEW	This immersive session, led by our talented Music department will introduce students to our fantastic facilities, with an opportunity to take part in a music performance, and also enjoy an exclusive original set from our current music students.	Music	Year 11	60 mins	Workshop	4,6,7
Born to Perform NEW	This hands-on and high energy workshop will introduce students to the idea of combining studying with their passion of performing. Whether it be performing and drama, or dance, this session will highlight the huge opportunities available to them when studying Performing Arts at STC. The Customs House in South Shields, in the heart of the community, is home to our offsite provision, giving pupils real life experience of performing on a stage, one that has seen many local talents pass through over the years. These sessions can be delivered either onsite at STC, or at the Customs House.	Performing Arts, Music	Year 10 & 11	Flexible	Workshop	4,5,6,7
The Talent Behind the Scenes NEW	This workshop takes a look through the lens, and behind the scenes at how roles in media and art play a huge role in production. Our courses interlink in this creative session, giving pupils the experience and understanding on what courses can take them into the world of media, stage and broadcasting. This session can also be delivered alongside the 'Born to Perform' session to create a full performance feel.	Performing Arts, Media, Art and Music	Year 10 & 11	Flexible	Workshop	4,5,6,7

SESSIONS FOR YEAR 7-9

We also offer a range of fun and engaging activities and events specifically tailored towards year 7-9 and suitable for small and large groups.

Title	Description	Year Group	Duration	Session Type	Gatsby Benchmarks
Careers Explorers	In this session, students will learn about the world of work, and find out about a whole range of careers. As well as this, students will take part in a fun, interactive personality test which gives them an idea of their best career options based on their personality type!	Year 7 – 9	60 mins	Workshop	2,3,4,7
SCHOOL LIAISON PICK Student Backpack	This interactive session opens students eyes to the world of vocational education through visual prompts and resources taken directly from industry. They will investigate different careers, and discuss how they are linked to vocational courses within college. This session can be developed as part of a classroom session, interactive assembly, or part of a wider careers event.	Year 7 – 8	30 mins	Workshop	4,6,7
Steven Seagull	This activity is skills based. Students learn about ‘Steven the Seagull’ whose family nest around the College campus over summer. Steven’s family are planning to return to college but have heard they may encounter difficulties. Students have to create paper seagulls to join Steven’s team with skills that will facilitate a peaceful return. This activity asks students to pick apart key transferable skill sets including communication, organisation and leadership and management.	Year 7 – 9	Flexible	Workshop	3,4,5,6,7
Float Your Boat	Students are challenged to design and build a boat that can hold an egg without it sinking! As well as this, students will also have to consider the cost of their boat, without knowing how much other teams have spent!	Year 7 – 9	Flexible	Workshop	3,4,5,6,7

**Workshop sessions can be delivered to small classes up as well as full year groups. We can tailor to your needs.*

BUILD YOUR TASTER DAY

We would love to invite you into our college and are happy to offer a taster day package bespoke to you and your students.

Our subject staff are on hand to deliver interactive taster sessions and you are also welcome to select any of our engagement activities to be delivered on the day. All tasters are free of charge and we provide transport and lunches for both staff and students. Please just let us know if this is something you require when booking.

HALF DAY PACKAGE

- Transport Included
- 1 Taster Session

Optional Add On:

- + Student Life
- + Vocational vs Academic

FULL DAY PACKAGE

- Transport Included
- Lunch Included
- 2 Taster Sessions

Optional Add On:

- + Campus Tour
- + Student Life
- + Vocational vs Academic
- + Sell Yourself
- + Study Skills

BOOK YOUR TASTER TODAY

Get in touch with our school liaison team today to confirm your preferred date.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Title	Description	Gatsby Benchmarks
Mock Interviews	We understand how daunting an interview can be! This is why we offer a variety of mock interviews, which can be adapted for different job sectors/university interviews.	2,4,5,7
1-1 Careers Guidance Sessions	We understand that for some schools, it is difficult to find a qualified level 6 adviser to meet with all of your students. This is where we come in. With our expert staff, we can provide impartial careers information, advice and guidance for a range of students with different needs, at no cost to your school.	3,7,8
Results Day Support	An informal advice session to reassure students and tackle any pre-results anxiety. The session will advise students what to do if they don't get the results they expect and where to go for support.	8
Parents Events	Our careers and curriculum team can support your parent events with information, advice and guidance on life at college as well as hands-on activities where appropriate.	1,7
University & Next Steps after College NEW	We know some young people are already looking past their next steps of college and sixth form to university, apprenticeships and employment. This interactive session will look at all the progression routes available to them, informing them further of the right pathway to follow after Year 11.	4,7
'Mini' Parent Workshops NEW	Our new parent 'mini' workshops give parents the chance to try out a vocational area for themselves. Often parents have outdated views about life at college, what certain industries are like, how much apprenticeships have changed and why maths and English is important, regardless of the vocational route. Our 75 minute sessions begin with a welcome talk about all aspects of life at college, followed by an engaging, interactive 'taste' of the vocational area of their choice – much like a student taster. We then end with a Q&A on everything from course content to student support including, finance, travel, free meals and kit. In some cases we can run the workshops straight after school, from your school or, we can invite parents into college, with or without their child. This is a really flexible package which allows you – and us – to really engage with parents and help them to support their child's next steps.	4,7

SESSIONS FOR STAFF

Whilst we understand it is imperative that students have access to key information and guidance, we are conscious that staff may need a little support too. This is where our teacher advice sessions come in. These sessions for teachers and Careers Leads provide current information and advice to prepare for guiding students through their post-16 options, where to find relevant information and the application process. These could be delivered in school, college or virtually.

A REVOLUTION IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION

WHAT ARE T LEVELS?

T Levels are new two-year level 3 technical programmes that will sit alongside apprenticeships and A Levels within a reformed skills training system, primarily aimed at 16-18 learners.

They have been designed to create the skills revolution needed to meet the needs of the UK economy and are being developed in partnership with the government and the business and education sectors.

Their introduction is aimed at streamlining technical education and to focus on developing skills that sit within 15 industry routes. The first T Levels were introduced in September 2020, with full roll-out intended by September 2024.

What's in a T Level?

T Levels will be based on employer-designed standards and content, which will prepare students for highly skilled jobs and enable them to adapt to meet the skills' needs of the future.

Students achieving a T Level will have the numeracy, literacy, digital and wider transferable skills, coupled with the attitudes and behaviours needed to succeed in occupations relevant to their chosen route and the wider workplace.

T Levels consist of a number of components

- An approved technical qualification from an approved awarding organisation
- Meaningful work placement with an employer, lasting between 45 and 60 days, in their chosen industry
- English, maths and digital requirements (English and maths at a minimum of level 2)
- Any licence to practice requirements for that occupation
- Enrichment and tutorial time



FROM SEPTEMBER 2023, WE WILL ROLL-OUT OUR FIRST T-LEVEL PROGRAMMES

APPRENTICESHIP COURSES

OUR APPRENTICESHIPS ARE OFFERED THROUGH TYNE COAST COLLEGE, WHICH ENCOMPASSES TYNEMET AND SOUTH TYNESIDE COLLEGE AND THEIR ASSOCIATED BRANDS. BY BEING PART OF A BIGGER, BETTER, STRONGER COLLEGE, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GROW OUR APPRENTICESHIP OFFER - FROM THE PROGRAMMES WE OFFER TO BROADENING THE RANGE OF EMPLOYERS WE WORK WITH.

Our apprenticeships are delivered in partnership with employers, meaning pupils can be sure they are learning the skills employers need and getting real work experience as they work towards their qualification.

Apprenticeships are suitable for a range of levels and abilities – learners can even study to degree level.

How much can an apprentice earn?

The minimum wage for an apprentice is £4.81 per hour, (aged 16-18 or aged 19+ and in their first year), though many employers pay more. After the first year, this rises to the national minimum wage for their age, if they are 19 or older.

Apprentices work a minimum of 30 hours per week and are entitled to 20 days of paid holiday a year, as well as bank holidays.

What are the benefits?

- Complete qualifications and training while being paid, receiving the same benefits as full-time work colleagues
- Develop the working knowledge and practical skills to prepare the learner for their chosen career
- Work with experts who understand the industry they have chosen and learn from their experience
- Spend time working with people of all ages and abilities, develop confidence and communication skills

Earn and Learn

- Superb support from our dedicated team throughout your apprenticeship
- Make full use of the facilities of the college and train with subject specialist staff using industry standard equipment
- Gain qualifications that will help you to progress in your career of choice and/or on to Higher Education

Courses include:

Accounting	Health and Social Care
Beauty	Hospitality and Catering
Bricklaying	Interior Systems
Business Administration	Management and Team Leading
Carpentry and Joinery	Marine Port Operations Officer
Computing	Marketing
Customer Services	Motor Vehicle
Digital Marketing	Marine Pilot
Early Years (childcare)	Painting and Decorating
Electrical Installation	Plastering
Engineering	Plumbing
Fabrication and Welding	Port Marine Officer
Hairdressing	Sport
	Teaching Assistant

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