

ACTION PLAN

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1

Promote and increase careers education in the curriculum across all year groups.

	Targets	Actions
Year 1	Encourage faculties to incorporate careers into the curriculum.	Posters – Success at School posters and alumni posters. Introduce faculty careers champions. Seconds or UPS teachers. Planning of discrete careers lessons linked to curriculum (focus during either January when Yrs 8/9 choosing options or March National Careers Week).
Year 2	All faculties implementing careers initiatives in subject areas.	Faculty careers champions to build connections with alumni and businesses. Possible work projects linked to curriculum set up by businesses. Compass+ to be used across for tracking students' involvement in careers activities. Feedback surveys to be used for each activity.
Year 3	Faculties to take ownership and lead careers initiatives in their subject areas.	Careers champions and possible subject prefects to develop all areas of careers education within the curriculum.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2

Increase student and parental involvement and confidence in career planning

	Targets	Actions
Year 1	Introduce students to Careerpilot to build action plans.	All students introduced to Carerpilot in tutor time/careers lessons to draw up action plan. Yr 7 as part of Achieve Your Ambition Yr 8 as part of careers focus in tutorial programme. Yr 9, 10 and 11 in tutor time, careers lessons.
	Raise profile of careers education with students and parents.	Parents informed about Careerpilot. Monthly newsletters on website and sent to parents.
	Relaunch of Castle Careers Award.	Promotion of the Careers Award in assemblies.
	The Castle Careers brand to be embedded in all careers information.	Increased social media presence on Facebook and Twitter. Students and parents familiar with careers brand and pathways.
	Evaluate parental awareness of careers education programme. Evaluate students knowledge base and essential skills to inform any gaps in the programme.	Yr 11 parental survey Spring term 2021. Future Skills Questionnaire (Careers and Enterprise Company) to students to evaluate their knowledge base and essential skills.
Year 2	Encouragement of more students working towards careers award. Information sessions for parents to be set up. Students regularly review action plans and goals on Careerpilot.	Promotion of award in assemblies. At parents' evenings. Possible career fair event in school. Careerpilot review sessions set up for all year groups.
Year 3	Students' and parents' increased awareness of careers education framework within school. Increased awareness of pathways by the end of KS3.	Students ownership of action plans and goals on Careerpilot.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3

Develop a programme of encounters to meet the individual needs of all students by creating a network of employers and educational providers to support learning.

	Targets	Actions
Year 1	Develop links with new organisations and build on existing relationships with businesses. Increase variety of business/organisations we work with in terms of sector and size.	Work closely with Enterprise Adviser and Somerset Education Business Partnership and possibly other Taunton Schools to increase number of employers to work with.
	Track careers encounters on Compass+ to ensure coverage across all students in all year groups as appropriate.	Ensure all encounters are recorded on Compass+ and feedback received for evaluation.
	Build on current alumni database.	Increase number of students signing up for alumni database.
Year 2	Develop effective communication with alumni to keep in touch and request support.	Set up social media methods to attract and contact ex-students.
	Increase employer and education links within curriculum areas.	Careers champions in faculties to work on implementing and embedding this. Match up alumni with faculties relating to experiences and interests.
	To reinstate work experience for Year 10s.	All students to attend work experience placement in Year 10
Year 3	Faculties to take ownership and lead employer encounters in their subject areas.	Careers champions to work with businesses and alumni to deliver lessons linking curriculum to careers.