

Sixth Form: Beyond Beverley School

We invest a lot of time into helping students prepare to transition on from school. This is done through a mixture of events, college and university visits and work with external partners.

External Partners

Margaret Jackson is a frequent and welcome visitor to our Sixth Form department. She works closely with us to support our students in finding placement beyond Beverley School. Her wealth of knowledge is invaluable and is shared with both students and their parents. This has included meeting parent individually to discuss the opportunities available within the local area.

We have SEN careers advisors for Redcar and Cleveland who work closely with us to support students in an equivalent role for her area.

Wendy Gosling has been assigned to Beverley School as a Work Advisor following our expression of interest in the Job Centre Plus Supporting Schools Project. Working largely, though not exclusively with our sixth form students, she is adding value and helping us build on the wealth of employment related activities we already do here at Beverley. Her aim is to further smooth the transition for our students between school, college and future employment opportunities. She will do this using her extensive knowledge of the local labour market and employment opportunities as well as her advisory and advocacy skills. She has spent several days so far with students and staff, informing and advising them about local employment and training provision as well as careers websites. She will be strengthening and widening relationships with local employers and training providers to make sure that our students have the widest informed choice possible when deciding their future plans. This includes liaising with employers and providers to access opportunities such as work experience and traineeships. She will also be facilitating sessions to strengthen students' employment related and application skills. Wendy has been hugely impressed with our students so far and is eager to help them access their best possible personal outcomes.

Middlesbrough Council's Transitions Team provide support to young people with disabilities aged between 14 and 25 years old alongside their parents. They run a number of events to inform parents and young people about the opportunities, facilities and resources available that we attend regularly as a Sixth Form.

College Links

The links with the local colleges enable our students to develop a firmer idea about the courses and opportunities that are available to them. It gives them a chance to become more familiar with the settings and the work practices of studying in that institution. This is done through a mixture of visits, taster days and sessions delivered within school. The colleges we have links with include:

- Middlesbrough College
- Stockton Riverside College
- Cleveland College of Art and Design (CCAD)
- Askham Bryant

Teesside University

Our work with Teesside University is aimed at raising aspirations and providing learning opportunities that we could not access within school. The partnership also allows our students to gain an insight in to University life. This is done through a mixture of workshops and visits.

Students attended a taster session in the Engineering Department of Teesside University. Whilst there they visited different areas such as: foundry and fabrication; chemical engineering; material testing; and software engineering. In these areas the students were taught about the sorts of activities they could do and even got to try out some themselves. These visits and our strengthening partnership with the University continues to raise our students' aspirations and their knowledge of future opportunities.