



### **Work Related Learning Statement**

The Link School Sunderland is committed to a whole school approach on work related learning in order to promote a greater awareness to students to the world of work and skills necessary for enterprise and employability.

#### **Aims and objectives**

The aim of work related learning is to prepare students for adult and working life by;

- Improving students understanding of the world of work
- Improving the quality of provision and guidance
- Increasing access and choice for all students
- Improving the transition of students from school to adult and working life

We will also;

- Develop opportunities which enhance the curriculum
- Promote greater awareness for students about the world of work and development of key skills and employability

Developing on and off-line resources

- Internal and external visits
- Experiences of the work place (Placement, Shadowing, Visiting)
- Careers Advice and Guidance – Richard Allnutt Careers Advisor

#### **Experiences of the work place**

Students attending The Link School will be given the opportunity to have some form of experience of the work place. This can range from work experience placements, work visits, and work shadowing. We believe that by taking part in some form of work experience students will leave us better prepared for the working world.

Work experience placements are quality assured both internally and externally and we ensure all Health and Safety/Insurance checks are adhered to.

#### **On and off-site activities**

Over the academic year the school arranges a range of on and off-site events for students. These may include:

- Career fairs
- Training provider taster sessions
- Interview preparation skills and mock interviews
- College visits
- Employer visits

### **Developing on and off-line resources**

The school are continuously working on developing on and off-line resources to ensure students have full access to current and up to date information. Students have full access to START and Grofar which is are online career tools.

### **Curriculum Provision**

The school offers a wide range of activities and lessons that contribute towards work-related opportunities in order to help prepare students effectively for adult working life.

Work related learning within the school enables all curriculum areas to make contribution through:

- Development of schemes of work that recognise the importance of work-related learning in preparing students for adult working life
- Ensure that activities and work set is appropriate for the individual student's needs
- Working with external companies within the curriculum on the world of work for example Department for Working Pensions.