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Barking and Dagenham College Careers Programme 2026-27

Barking and Dagenham College is committed to providing impartial Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) to all students both through the curriculum and a comprehensive range of organised activities. Students are provided with differentiated, current, accurate and relevant information to help them raise their aspirations, make good choices and understand what they need to do to reach and succeed in their chosen career and progression plans.

Students are encouraged to develop their knowledge, skills and behaviours to increase their self-awareness, resilience and confidence and prepare them for next steps. Working with the local and regional business community to understand and address the needs of the local area, Barking and Dagenham College provides high-quality careers, employability and enrichment provision which raises aspirations, improves motivation and develops the skills needed for students to achieve their full potential in an inclusive and supportive environment.

This Careers Programme is mapped against the Gatsby Benchmarks for IAG

Gatsby Benchmarks

1. A stable careers programme
2. Learning from career and labour market information
3. Addressing the needs of each pupil
4. Linking curriculum learning to careers
5. Encounters with employers and employees
6. Experiences of workplaces
7. Encounters with further and higher education
8. Personal guidance

In addition to the comprehensive careers programme Barking and Dagenham College offers students a Personal and Professional Development programme, which they complete alongside their studies. Designed to help prepare our students for their future in several ways, including support in creating their own progression plan and helping develop wider life skills through their individual interests. The Personal and Professional Development programme will help students work towards achieving their goals whilst at college, develop the skills, knowledge and behaviours linked to career pathways and explore new experiences, interests and talents. We acknowledge that every student is different in their aspirations, hence, this flexible programme is designed to be able to tailor the support given throughout the learner journey and to help them achieve their own individual goals.

We have a dedicated and professional team of **Progression Coaches** who will support learners to make positive career progression choices, visit them at **'Career Progression Hub'** or email Careers@bdc.ac.uk

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Pre-entry Information, Advice and Guidance	Gatsby Benchmarks	Timeline	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Year 11 assemblies (on-site and online)	7	September to June												
School careers fairs/events and progression evenings	3, 4, 7	September to June												
Course advice (on-site and online)	3, 4, 7	September to June												
School visits to college for IAG sessions and tours	3, 4, 7	September to June												
Open days/events - inc parent IAG and college tours	2, 3, 4, 7, 5	September to June												
Year 9 options session at schools	3, 4, 7	September to June												
College recruitment interviews	3, 4, 7	December to June												
Summer Induction	3, 4, 7	June												
IAG at Enrolment	3, 4, 7, 8	August to September												

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Careers Advice and Guidance	Gatsby Benchmarks	Timeline	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Careers Service Introduction (online)	1, 3	September to October												
Careers Advice and Guidance (drop-ins and booked appointment)	3, 4, 7, 8	September to June												
Careers Advice and Guidance (exit session by referrals)	3, 4, 7, 8	August to July												
Careers UCAS support sessions	3, 4, 7, 8	October to December												
"At Risk" Careers Session Referrals	3, 4, 7, 8	September to May												

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Higher Education Support	Gatsby Benchmarks	Timeline	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
UCAS Clearing Advice and Support: drop-ins and appointments	3, 4, 7, 8	August to September												
UCAS Application and Personal Statements	3, 8	September to January												
Higher Education Information Fair	3, 4, 6, 7	March												
Alumni HE Insight	2, 5	March												
Staff Training - Careers in the Curriculum IAG /Updates	4	November, January, March and May												
Student Finance Information Workshops	7, 8	March												

Non HE Progression Support	Gatsby Benchmarks	Timeline	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Information, Advice and Guidance for Progress to Advance students	3, 4, 7, 8	January, March and May												
Information, Advice and Guidance for Level 1 students	3, 4, 7, 8	March												
Information, Advice and Guidance for Level 2 students	3, 4, 7, 8	March												
Apprenticeships	3, 4, 7, 8	March												

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Employability and Work Placement Support	Gatsby Benchmarks	Timeline	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Employment and Apprenticeship route support	2,3,5,6,8	February												
Support seeking employment /Work experience	2,3,5,6,8	February												
CV/application support	2,3,5,6,8	February												
Mock interview sessions for work placements	3	October to June												
Industry Insight Days	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	October to May												
Work placements - specific programmes	5, 6	October to July												
Guest Speakers	5, 7	October to July												
Job Search and CV Building Workshops	3	January to March												
Alumni Career Insight	2, 5	February to March												
Industry Mentors	2,5,6	January to May												

Events and Services	Gatsby Benchmarks	Timeline	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Parents evening	3	November and March												
College website	1,7	November and March												
Careers event for parents	4, 7	October												
UCAS discovery days	7,8	March												
Green Careers Week	3,5,7,8	November and March												
National Apprenticeship Week	3,5,7,8	February to March												
National Careers Week	3,5,7,8	March												
Apprenticeships Fair	2, 3, 4, 5, 7	February												
What Career Live? What University Live?	2,5,8	November												