

CAREERS PROGRAMME 2026-2027

The Careers Programme is designed to gain an understanding of the additional support available to them throughout their time at South Essex Colleges Group. All activities are designed to equip students to becoming successful and achieving their aspirations and goals. The Careers Programme is designed to link in with the Gatsby Benchmarks. Each activity highlights which benchmark it relates to.



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Gatsby Benchmarks

1. Stable Careers Programme
2. Learning from Career & Labour Market Information
3. Addressing the Needs of Each Young Person
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

To find out more about Gatsby Benchmarks click here [Education | Gatsby](#)

All activities may be subject to change to meet student and college needs

To book on to any of the above activities contact the Careers Team by emailing careers@southessex.ac.uk

Careers Advice and Guidance

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
Careers Information, Advice & Guidance (3,8)												
Swap Don't Drop (3,8)												
Progression Advice (2,3,8)												
Annual Review support for students with EHCPs (3,8)												
Annual Review support for students with LACs (3,8)												
Career Mapping (2,3,4)												
UCAS Support (2,4,7,8)												
Student Finance Support (3,8)												

Careers, advice and guidance activities will support students to make informed decisions that meet their individual needs to becoming successful within their educational and career progression.

Employability Skills

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
Identifying Core Skills (2,3,4,5)												
Developing Core Skills (3,8)												
CV Writing (2,3,8)												
Finding Employment (2,3,5,6,8)												
Volunteering and Gap Year (2,8)												

Through the delivery of workshops and personal guidance, students will develop both hard and soft employability skills to support them in becoming successful after education and throughout their chosen career.

Progression

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
Progression Workshops (3,4,7)												
Progression Interviews (3,4,8)												
Progression Fair (2,3,4,5,7)												
Exploring Post FE Education Options (3,4,5,7)												
UCAS Workshops (3,4,7) with Careers Coaches (3,4,7)												
Apprenticeship – Higher & Degree Workshops with Careers Coaches & External Providers (3,4,5,7)												
Transition to Higher Education (3,7,8)												

Student progression routes can change throughout their education journey. Through the delivery of activities and personal guidance, students will receive impartial advice to allow them to make informed decisions regarding their progression options and next steps available to them.

Career Events

	Aug, ,	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
Higher Education Fair (3,7,8)												
National Apprenticeship Week (2,3,4,5,7)												
National Careers Week (2,3,4,5,7)												
Progression Fair (2,3,4,5,7)												
Jobs Fairs * (2,3,4,5)												
University Discovery Events (3,7,8)												
Employer & Alumni Student Talks (2,3,4,5,6)												

**Will not be held at all campuses, but all students are welcome to attend job fairs.

Students will have access to a variety of events / fairs during their educational journey at the College, giving them exposure to external colleges, higher education, training providers and employers to support them in exploring all options available to them.