

Careers programme at Post 16 The Link

The Link programme gives the students an opportunity to develop work related skills within a supported business environment. Over the three-year programme students have the opportunity to work within at least three different businesses gaining a variety of skills and work-related experiences. Students are also supported to develop skills that will support them towards adulthood alongside employment. This includes Duke of Edinburgh, Functional Maths and English, Travel training. Students also follow a wellbeing programme that includes e-safety, British values and sex and relationship education. Throughout the programme students will have access to employers' visits and opportunities to look at further education and training including Link opportunities with college providers and visits to other further education providers as appropriate.

Students have regular visits from IAGs staff at Linwood to discuss their progress and future aspirations.

Individual Business	Tasty Bites	Create and Grow	Excellentz
<p>Throughout the programme student will have the opportunity to participate in all where appropriate in order to develop a variety of skills.</p> <p>Throughout the week students are encouraged and supported to prepare for their week ahead and recognise and dress appropriately for their businesses and other activities.</p>	<p>Tasty Bites is a catering business that enables the students to work in a supported catering business.</p> <p>Students take orders, Prepare food Deliver food Shopping for orders Customer facing skills Catering for specific school-based events, Futures evening, visitors' lunch. Health and Safety, food hygiene</p>	<p>This is a business that is based around a small garden centre model. Students will have the opportunity to grow plants and make items through woodwork that can be sold within the school. There are some outside working and practical activities, this business is based mostly outside including the Poly tunnel. Other areas include Health and Safety, use of tools, costing of items and upkeep of the polytunnel area. Selling, costing items.</p>	<p>Excellentz is a business that bases itself around the calendar of events. The students will have the opportunity to research, make and sell items and also provide resources to support other students around the school.</p> <p>Activities include making, advertising and collating orders. Commissioned work, making and creating objects and films, posters. Costing and selling items. Evaluations of products</p>

Students will assess their employability skills through the use of the Employability Skills Framework and Skills for My Future. Students complete evaluations of their work and will focus on areas of strengths and areas for improvement.	
Throughout the Link students are encouraged to develop independence skills that will support them in their future including cooking of snacks, personal hygiene and developing healthy lifestyles.	
Travel training,	Students are supported to develop independent travel and this includes AQA Award in travel training including Road safety and using a bus.
The curriculum is designed to support students to further independence and develop employability skills.	
Personal and Social Development	Preparation for Work Personal safety in the home and community Healthy Living
Duke of Edinburgh Award	This includes opportunities to develop teamwork, independence, leadership skills, communication, lifeskills as well as having volunteer opportunities and develop self-reflection skills.
Specific work with businesses	Through work within the business's students will have the opportunity to visit other businesses including supermarkets, garden centres and the Venture shop. The students will also have the opportunity to participate in visits to the school from other businesses and employees and employers.