BENSHAM MANOR School

Careers and Skills for Life Curriculum Map 2026-27

In addition to the following information:
Alumni are invited back to Bensham Manor to discuss what they have done since leaving.

Colleges and other institutions offering apprenticeships and courses are invited to Bensham Manor to showcase their courses, support and ideas.

Year 7

Autumn 1 GB: 7	**Further Education Providers will be present at Pastoral Parents and Carers Evening.** Welcome to Bensham School and Expectations Developing Play Skills A Growth Mindset Zones of Regulations Managing Our Emotions
Autumn 2	Friendships - Friend Project Social Skills Social Situations School of memories
Spring 1	Road safety - Focus on local roads Green Cross Code Travel and Leisure
Spring 2 GB: 1, 4, 5	**Careers Week** **Meaningful encounter with employer / employee** Stranger Danger People who help us In the Community
Summer 1	Ways to stay active - including diet and exercise Organisational Skills Skills and Qualities
Summer 2 GB: 1, 2, 3	The World of Work Professions When I Grow Up Acting Out Job Roles Interviews

Year 8

Autumn GB:1, 2, 6, 7 GB: 1, 2, 3, 4	Making & Selling - Class to decide on a product they would like to sell around Christmas time. Research, Planning and Preparation After the sale, evaluate the project. Learning about different workplaces - Health and Safety
Spring GB: 1, 3, 4, 5	**Careers Week** **Meaningful encounter with employer / employee** An introduction to Careers & Employability Thinking about how to get a job and prepare a Curriculum Vitae (C.V) Language - how it can change in different places - particularly the workplace.
Summer GB: 1 ,3, 6	Researching Organisations/Companies Working as part of a Team

Year 9

Autumn GB: 1, 3, 7 GB: 1, 4	Working as a group to set up and run a mini-enterprise by preparing for a Christmas gift sale. Making and selling (or running a stall). After the sale, evaluate the project.
Spring GB: 1 ,3, 4, 5, 6	**Meaningful encounter with employer / employee** Work Experience: Working in a "School Cafe" - Understanding of and taking part in the different jobs within this Cafe setting.
Summer GB: 1, 3, 5, 6	Preparation for Work - writing a CV and creating a Vocational Profile. Myself - within the Community - What can I do to serve/help?

Year 10

Autumn GB: 1, 3, 7	**Preparation for work - Planning a Journey** - to and from school or from your home to a place of work (you choose the location - it could be Croydon or London or somewhere else). Create at least three journeys to present to a partner. Independence - Learning about looking after myself Consider skills needed for looking after yourself at home. Think about how you would keep your home clean, change bedsheets, wash clothes, keep your body clean, brush your teeth, wash your body. Consider the implications if you are not clean.
Spring GB: 1, 2, 3, 4	**Careers Week** **Meaningful encounter with employer/employee** Destination and Options Discussions Updating Vocational Profile (Personal Statement) written last year. Preparation for Work. Learning about Workplaces.
Summer GB:1, 3, 5, 6	Preparation for Work - Work Experience. Work Experience - prepare for, undertake, evaluate and share experiences with other students.

Year 11

Although Year 11 do not have any designated Careers and Skills for Life lessons they will still take part in Interview Preparation with the SaLT Team to revisit interview skills techniques.

Year 11 will also have college and two weeks of work experience placements and encounters with employers and employees throughout the year.

In addition they will have the opportunity to revisit the plan sent to them last year by the Careers Interviewer to reconsider their next steps for college and to think about jobs they are interested in.

Post 16

College visits - weekly visits during the Autumn Term
Work Experience is offered through a range of experiences: Post 16 run the Turtle Cafe within the school grounds and prepare lunches for the staff two days per week.
Post 16 are constantly involved with different enterprise projects throughout the year developing skills that prepare the students for the world of work and look to develop team skills within a working environment. Parents/Carers are kept up-to-date with these projects.