



### WORK-RELATED ACTIVITY AND INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

#### RATIONALE

'Employability is the possession by an individual of the qualities required to meet the changing needs of employers and customers and thereby help to realise his/her aspirations and potential in work.' (CBI)

Learning activities and materials developed through links with local businesses and the wider community can encourage students to engage actively with the world of work and help them to make connections between what they learn in the classroom and the world outside. Work-related contexts created by students working in partnership with business and the wider community can powerfully enhance teaching and learning.

Work related contexts can;

- \*raise levels of attainment and improve motivation;
- \*encourage students to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed at work;
- \*broaden the careers aspirations of all students;
- \*help students to see the relevance of what they learn at school to the work-place.

Careers work and the school curriculum can help put students in a position to:

- \*Make informed choices about their future working lives;
- \*Recognise the importance of life-long learning;
- \*Continue to develop skills and qualities, which enable them to participate effectively as adults in a changing world.

In order to achieve employability we have to help students develop the skills and attributes necessary to make them employable through their adult life. The Academy will offer a wide variety of experience designed to meet these needs.

#### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

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