



## **Code of Practice**

**Altrincham College** is working towards the **Inspiring IAG Gold Award**. The aim of the award is to:

- 1. Ensure young people get the support they need to make well informed, realistic decisions about their future through careers education, information, advice and guidance.
- 2. Have appropriate, up to date, accurate and impartial information and resources that all young people can access regardless of race, gender, religion, ability, disability, social background or sexual orientation.
- 3. Ensure the organisational policies relating to careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) are up to date and regularly reviewed and reflect this code of practice.
- 4. Empower young people by informing them of how they can access CEIAG to help them plan their future and make well informed, realistic decisions.
- 5. Provide young people from year 8 onwards access to impartial professionally qualified careers guidance<sup>1</sup> and ensure formal regular assessment arrangements are carried out of the guidance practitioner, by appropriately qualified<sup>2</sup> senior staff to determine ongoing competency.
- 6. Offer all young people access to impartial and independent<sup>3</sup> careers guidance<sup>4</sup>, at a time and place that suits their needs.
- 7. Ensure that all staff working with young people are offered and access ongoing training about qualifications/progression pathways and other relevant subjects and that there is a formal system in place to ensure the competency of all staff in delivering CEIAG.
- 8. Work in partnership, where appropriate, with opportunity providers including employers, FE and training providers, and youth support services.
- 9. Working with parents/carers to offer them information, advice and guidance to help them, help their son/daughter.
- 10. Involve young people in the design, delivery and evaluation of CEIAG programmes.
- 11. Promote equality of opportunity, celebrating diversity, challenging stereotypes and raising aspirations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Professionally qualified" means an approved Career Development Institute (CDI) advice and guidance qualification at level 6 or above

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Appropriately qualified" in this context means careers advice and guidance qualified

<sup>3&</sup>quot; Independent" means external to the organisation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "Career guidance" as defined by the DfE. "Careers Inspiration in Schools" March 2015

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