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Year	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Half Term 1	Transition activities European day of Languages	European day of Languages	European day of Languages		Careers Interviews Start 1:1 Parent Event- Study skills and pathways	Newcastle University Library Rise role model applications	Careers Interviews small group (potential)
Half Term 2	Enterprise Advent Stall and Fair	Newcastle University – A Debate - A for HE: An investigation. 26th Nov – Girls Empower Cybersecurity Event, St James	Y9 Options evening NCC COP30 Climate Event	Sixth form Open evening Work Experience launch. Welcome to KS4 evening.	Sixth form Open evening	Work Experience launch. Welcome to KS5 evening.	
Half Term 3	In Person Author visit. Shakespeare Week	13th Feb – Lego Engineering, NERAP. Shakespeare Week	11th Feb – Post 16 Choice, NERAP DWP - Post 16 choices Holocaust- Anne Frank Education trust. Student leadership Shakespeare Week	DWP - Post 16 choices National Apprenticeship Week and webinars	13th Feb – Newcastle University Budgeting Bonanza 14:15 – 15:15 Year 11 taster day. Post 16 lessons and University talks. DWP KIER – Apprenticeship and career pathway session National Apprenticeship Week and webinars	National Apprenticeship Week and webinars Holocaust- Anne Frank Education trust. Student leadership	National Apprenticeship Week and webinars
Half Term 4	Festival of reading programme Science Week	Festival of reading programme Science Week	Festival of reading programme Science Week	Festival of reading programme Science Week	Festival of reading programme	Festival of reading programme Science Week	Festival of reading programme Finance & Budgeting and Confirmation & Clearing

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Half Term 5	Other: Y6 Transition – NERAP		14th May – DWP LMI session – carousel 9am - 11am	Work Experience		University On Campus Visit UCAS & Personal Statements	
Half Term 6	Careers in the Curriculum week Careers Fair 9th July Quest Week	Careers in the Curriculum week Careers Fair 9th July Quest Week	Careers in the Curriculum week Careers Fair 9th July Quest Week	Careers in the Curriculum week DWP Post 16 Choices – Apprenticeship talk and Assessment Centre activities carousel Careers Fair – apprenticeship, FE, HEI 10th July Quest Week		Careers in the Curriculum week Work Experience Careers Fair apprenticeship, FE, HEI 10th July Quest Week Work placement for unit 6 in a health or care setting - July 2026	

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Additional Sixth Form Careers Sessions awaiting confirmation / dates -

Event	Year	Provider
Apprenticeship workshop	13	Careers Service
UK University and Apprenticeships Search Fair	13	UK University Search
Newcastle Uni Library	12	Newcastle Uni
Get into Law Young Professionals & City Century Law Event	12	
Durham Uni Supported Progression and introduction to university	12	Durham Uni
Medical Interview Session		External contact – Dr Poppy from RVI
Accenture Tech Insight Event	13	Accenture
National Apprenticeship Week and webinars	All	National Apprenticeship Week
National Apprenticeship Week	All	National Apprenticeship Event – Civic Centre?
Oxbridge North East Conference, Great North Museum	12	Oxford/Cambridge University
Healthcare course/careers Opportunity: Microbiology and Chemistry to Cardio Physiology and Medical Engineering.	12	Northumbria Healthcare Trust
UCAS Discovery Exhibition	12	UCAS & HEI's
Newcastle/Northumbria University Open Day	12	NCL /NU

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Subject Career Plan 2025–26 - Overview of elements of subject careers in the curriculum at SBB:

Social Sciences

In addition to careers education in the classroom with **social sciences**, we will be delivering a broad and engaging insight into future pathways, particularly in psychology, health, and child development.

Guest Speakers / Industry Engagements

- **Paediatric Nurse Talk (Years 11–13, Health & Social Care)** – Provides real-world insight into working with children in healthcare, highlighting careers in paediatric nursing, child psychology, and healthcare support roles.

Educational Visits / Projects

- **Year 12 Psychology Day, Northumbria University** – Students gain exposure to higher-education routes and careers such as clinical, educational, and forensic psychology.
- **Potential Trust Trip to Seven Stories or Beamish** – Links learning to child development through play, storytelling, and social history, supporting careers in education, child psychology, and youth work.
- **Year 10 Child Development Trip (Summer Term)** – Enables younger students to explore growth, learning, and social interaction, helping them understand roles such as early-years practitioners, social workers, and family support workers.

Media Students

- Year 13 Sunderland University workshops and pathways

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

In addition to careers education in the classroom with **modern foreign languages**, we will be delivering insight into how language learning connects to real-world opportunities.

Virtual Careers Session

- **Years 12–13** – Former students share how language skills have impacted their education, career paths, and personal development, highlighting opportunities in international business, translation, diplomacy, tourism, and education.

Performing Arts

In addition to careers education in the classroom with **performing arts**, we will be delivering meaningful exposure to the creative industries and performance-related pathways.

Whole-School Production

- **November 2025** – Students from all year groups participate, gaining experience in careers such as acting, directing, stage management, lighting, sound, costume, and set design.

Theatre Trips / Enrichment

- **Years 11–13 Theatre Trips (November 2025)** – Provide insight into professional performance and careers in acting, choreography, theatre criticism, and production.
- **Year 8 Theatre Trip (December 2025)** – Introduces younger students to live performance and highlights technical, front-of-house, and creative roles within performing arts.

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Science

In addition to careers education in the classroom with **science**, we will be delivering direct exposure to STEM pathways and real-world scientific careers.

Projects / Visits

- **Year 10 Baker Hughes STEM Project** – Students visit Baker Hughes across multiple sessions, engaging in engineering, design, and construction challenges while meeting professional engineers and scientists.
- **Trust Olympiad Event (Post-16, July)** – Provides competitive, higher-level STEM challenges linking directly to university study and STEM careers.

Assemblies / Outreach

- **STEM Careers Assemblies (All Years)** – Delivered by Northumbria University's STEM outreach programme, providing insight into careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Geography

In addition to careers education in the classroom with **geography**, we will be delivering rich insight into environmental, research, and sustainability-related pathways.

Enrichment / Clubs

- **David Attenborough Fan Club** – Explores careers in media, documentary-making, conservation communication, and environmental storytelling.

Educational Visits / Projects

- **Year 11 Blyth Beach Trip** – Focus on shoreline management, data collection, and analysis, highlighting careers in coastal management, environmental planning, and flood risk management.
- **Cop 30 Climate event** - Selected students.
- **Year 12 Blencathra Residential** – Environmental stewardship and outdoor education with the Field Studies Council; includes a guest lecture from Professor Sammie Buzzard on polar research and women in field science.
- **Ouseburn Regeneration Project** – Students work with the Ouseburn Regeneration Trust on sustainable initiatives and charity projects.
- **Year 12 Ouseburn Trip** – Collaboration with the Environment Agency at the FOSS flood barrier, linking to careers in flood management and environmental protection.

Physical Education (PE)

In addition to careers education in the classroom with **physical education**, we will be delivering clear pathways into sport, health, and fitness-related professions.

Guest Speakers / Specialist Sessions

- **Victoria Alfar (Chartered Physiotherapist)** – Delivers sessions to sixth-form (and possibly Year 11) students, linking anatomy and physiology to careers in physiotherapy and sports therapy.

Visits / Practical Experiences

- **Paramount Gym Visit (Year 12, Nov/Dec)** – Students engage with gym management, business discussions, and practical fitness sessions, highlighting careers in fitness, personal training, and gym management.

Leadership / Coaching

Sixth-form students lead and coach teams in football, rugby, basketball, and netball, developing skills in coaching, mentoring, and sports leadership.

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Mathematics

In addition to careers education in the classroom with **mathematics**, we will be delivering opportunities to show students how mathematical study leads to a wide range of future opportunities.

University Visits

- **Year 12 Newcastle University Trip (May/June)** – Students discuss mathematics and physics courses, exploring careers in engineering, finance, data science, and research.

Competitions / Challenges

- **UKMT, Maths Hub, and Newcastle University Challenges** – National and regional competitions including Maths Feasts, promoting teamwork, problem-solving, creativity, and communication.

English

In addition to careers education in the classroom with **English**, we will be delivering opportunities to promote reading, writing, and creative pathways while building students' cultural capital.

Author Visits / Workshops

- **Dan Smith Visit (Year 7, KS3)** – Workshops and assemblies provide insight into careers in writing, publishing, and storytelling, including support for disadvantaged learners.
- **Segedunum** - Latin club visit.

Whole-School Initiatives

- **Jólabókaflóð Book Exchange** – Inclusive reading activity supported by quizzes and “give one, get one” scheme.
- **Celebrations of Literature** – Charles Dickens, Shakespeare, and World Book Day across KS3–5, highlighting literacy and careers in creative industries.

Religious Education (RE)

In addition to careers education in the classroom with **religious education**, we will be delivering opportunities to explore ethical, community, and leadership pathways.

Guest Speakers / Enrichment

- **Years 12–13 CORE RE** – Guest speakers provide insight into careers in theology, chaplaincy, social justice, charity work, and community leadership.
- **Catholic Social Teaching Projects** – Hands-on experience in service, advocacy, and social responsibility.

Competitions / Clubs

- **Debating Matters Competition (A-level)** – Develops skills relevant to law, politics, and public service careers.
- **Peace & Justice / John Paul II Award Clubs** – Opportunities for students to lead service projects and explore ethical leadership.

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Business

In addition to careers education in the classroom with **business**, we will be delivering meaningful opportunities for students to explore real-world business, entrepreneurship, and management pathways.

Guest Speakers / Industry Engagements

- **Year 13 Applied Business Guest Speaker (February)** – Provides insight into contemporary industry practices and career opportunities in areas such as management, marketing, and finance.
- **Year 12 Units** – All units are directly linked to businesses, allowing students to explore careers across different sectors, including retail, consultancy, and corporate services.

Educational Visits

- **Beamish Museum (Year 12, October)** – Students explore business operations, entrepreneurship, and economic history in a hands-on learning environment, directly linked to **Unit 2: Business Dynamics**.
- **NE1 Can Visit** – Students experience a range of business settings, gaining insight into careers in digital marketing, media, and enterprise.

Curriculum Projects

- **Year 10 Business Plan Project** – Students develop their own business plans, simulating entrepreneurship and project management, with practical application to real-world business scenarios.

Clubs / Enrichment

- **Year 7 Coding Club (Monday)** – Develops digital skills, logic, and problem-solving that underpin business technology applications.
- **Year 7 Computing Gaming Club** – Focused on gaming and computational thinking, fostering skills relevant to the tech and creative industries.
- **Year 10 Business Club** – Offers enrichment in entrepreneurship, finance, and leadership, giving students practical business experience beyond the classroom.
- **Year 13 Business Revision Club** – Provides structured support for exam preparation, linking academic theory to industry practices.

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Summary

Through guest speakers, visits, project-based learning, and enrichment opportunities, students gain a holistic view of careers in business, entrepreneurship, and enterprise. They develop both practical and analytical skills, while exploring pathways ranging from small business ownership to corporate and technology-driven careers.

Our aims and outcomes are defined by the Gatsby Benchmarks and will be reviewed annually using the Careers and Enterprise Company Compass and Tracker tool. Monitoring will also be carried through our Unifrog engagement reports which are planned in for development 2025-26. Careers Education programme is an on-going and cyclical process. Evaluation is being developed to include the views of work experience students, training providers, governors, pupils and parents. Their views will be elicited via, discussions, surveys, student voice meetings and questionnaires. The success of this programme and the school's curriculum provision for its students will be evident in the school self-evaluation process and reporting activities such as: annual review/evaluation, subject audits, visits from the North East Local Enterprise Partnership and Ofsted inspection arrangements. The governing body will receive an annual report on Careers Education within St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy. An annual review based on completion of Compass and Tracker recording documents will be carried out in July 2026. Tracking towards benchmark progress is maintained annually.