

Leek High School

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Leek High School accredited with the Quality in Careers Standard Award

We are pleased to announce that Leek High School is first school in North Staffordshire to be accredited with the Quality in Careers Standard Award.

The Quality in Careers Standard is the national quality award for the careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) in schools, colleges and work-based learning. All state-funded secondary schools are "strongly recommended" by the Department for Education to work towards, achieve, and maintain this national Standard. The award is fully aligned with the Gatsby Benchmarks for "Good Career Guidance" and complies with the Department for Education's statutory guidance.

To achieve the award, schools, colleges and work-based learning providers must supply sufficient current evidence to demonstrate that they meet all the national accreditation criteria in their overall careers provision. Leek High delivers a CEIAG programme for students across all year groups centred around WOW (World of Work). The WOW programme is embedded into every aspect of students' work.

On announcing the news to school staff Headteacher Phill Evans said: "To be successful on our first attempt is an amazing achievement. All of the school staff who work to broaden our students understanding and experiences of the world of work, share this prestigious award."

The assessment process was conducted by Entrust as a Licensed awarding Body for the Quality in Careers Standard. It looks at how the careers programme is embedded into student learning and has a focus on interviews with staff, parents, governors, current and previous students. The Entrust Quality in Careers assessors were "impressed by the school's vision, passion and enthusiasm and noted how effectively the school staff work together as a whole, fully understanding and embracing the importance and relevance of effective CEIAG."

Reflecting on the assessment process the school's Careers Leader Jan Wheat said: "The feedback from the assessors was brilliant. We are the first school to get the accreditation this year and only the second high school in Staffordshire to get it. They said that it was wonderful to come into a school that understood the importance of careers education from pupils up to the governors."

Leek High is now published on the Quality in Careers Consortium's website with a case study highlighting and promoting the school as an exemplar of best CEIAG practise.

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