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CEIAG Case Study:

Devonport High School for Boys

## The School

**Devonport High School for Boys** is an 11-18 selective boys' school with a sixth form in Plymouth. Its most recent OFSTED inspection grading was "outstanding".

## Leadership

CEIAG is a high priority for the school supported by trained, committed staff. All staff are aware of the school's CEIAG provision.

The head teacher is a strong advocate of the importance of CEIAG and is currently the chair of Plymouth Learning Trust. The school has a governor linked to the CEIAG programme and the Careers Co-ordinator is also a school governor. The Career/PHSE co-ordinator is a full time role.

## Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

There are 2 dedicated sessions a week for PHSE/careers/citizenship.

- All students have access to an adviser provided by an independent external careers guidance provider - Careers South West. There is focus on those with the highest need.
- CSW provides a range of vocational and topic group sessions e.g. UCAS, options other than sixth form and a range of popular career areas.
- The school works closely with CSW on data sharing and ensuring that all students have the correct level of support.
- Tutors receive a copy of students' career action plans (with consent) so are aware of plans in place. The SENCO refers students she has concerns with and feedback is also provided (with consent).
- Teachers, school managers and other school staff frequently volunteer for activities such as 'Take Over Days' and support students in other career-related activities.

## Curriculum

- There is an annual CEIAG programme with set objectives and schemes of work for all lessons.
- 'Passportfolio is used by students and there is training in UCAS application procedures.
- All options are presented including an introduction to apprenticeships and the NAS website.
- Prior to results day all students receive a support letter including details of the independent advice available.

## External liaison

The school actively works with a range of external agencies and stakeholders, e.g. local employers, universities, business projects, enterprise. There are presentations from relevant speakers from industry across year groups.

Letters are sent to families informing them of the support available throughout the year.

## Strategic benefits

As a result of its CEIAG programme, the school believes that:

- Students are better informed, have higher personal career management skills and are open to more options.
- Parents are better informed, more involved in the school's CEIAG provision and more confident that their sons are being well supported by the school's CEIAG provision.
- The wider community sees better informed and skilled young people.

## Quality

- The programme is reviewed annually – students from each year group offer suggestions to develop the programme.
- Destinations are monitored.
- The school was previously awarded the then-named Investor in Careers CEIAG quality award. It now holds the national Quality in Careers Standard awarded by CSW Group (Investor in Careers) as the Licensed Awarding Body.

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