THE COURTYARD ISLINGTON

2026–2027
PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Our careers programme

“Aim high. Respect yourself and others. Be resilient when things feel challenging. Engage with every opportunity because every experience, every skill and every step forward can take you closer to the future you want.”

Our school values: Respect, Resilience, Engage.

Three pathways towards employment

College

Continue learning, gain vocational qualifications and develop skills and independence.

Apprenticeship

Combine work with training. Explore a job interest and prepare to engage with an employer.

Supported internship

Learn in a real workplace with support, which may include a job coach and a gradual transition.

Your pathway can change as your interests and skills develop.

What you will experience

1 Career insight masterclasses

Industry professionals visit the classroom to share their career journey and lead a hands-on activity, bringing careers to life and helping students explore job roles linked to their subject.

2 DWP workshops

For WorkSkills students: aspirations, pathways, next steps, CVs and interview skills.

3 Workplace experiences

Visits, tours, work-related activities and mock interviews.

4 Careers events

Explore colleges, apprenticeships and supported internships through activities linked to your pathway.

5 Specialism days

Themed enrichment days led by PD, LCC and STEAM, bringing learning to life through practical, interactive workshops that connect the curriculum to real-world careers and industries.

6 Work experience

Explore different industries, practise real workplace skills with support, and develop the employability skills you need for your future.

Your skills and your progress

You help choose your goals, notice your progress and decide what to practise next. Your Work Passport brings together your strengths, feedback and examples of what you can do.

The employability skills we help students to make progress in

- **Aiming high**
- **Creativity**
- **Leadership**
- **Listening**
- **Presenting**
- **Problem solving**
- **Staying positive**
- **Team-working**
- **Literacy / numeracy**
- **Communication**

Our school values at work

RESPECT: Listen, communicate politely and respect people and routines.
RESILIENCE: Have a go, keep trying, accept feedback and ask for help.
ENGAGE: Take part, stay focused, ask questions and show interest.

Relationships and independence at work

Self-advocacy: Explain what you need and ask for help.

Relationships: Communicate respectfully and work with others.

Boundaries: Respect personal space and privacy; speak up if you feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

Decision making and problem solving: Consider options, make safe choices and ask for help with difficulties.

Careers across the year

Key activities and planned opportunities for 2026–2027. Events and placements are matched to students' interests, readiness and support needs.

AUTUMN • Explore and experience

24 Sep–15 Oct	Round 1 WE: Hospitality work experience placements
12 Nov–3 Dec	Round 2 WE: Autumn work experience
25 November	DWP workshop on careers aspirations.
4 December	STEAM specialism day.
Ongoing	Cubelynx pre-apprenticeship programme with workplace learning two days per week.

SPRING • Explore your next steps

13 January	DWP workshop on pathways.
28 January	College visits planned to Barnet and Southgate, City and Islington, and New City College.
9 February	Apprenticeship event exploring work and training options.
2 March	National Careers Week practical workshops
4 March	Supported internship event with Westminster Council; a parent session is planned.
17 March	DWP workshop on planning and researching next steps.
March	LCC specialism day with date to be confirmed.

SUMMER • Practise and progress

22 Apr–27 May	Round 2 WE: Summer work experience
12 May / 16 June	DWP workshops on CV preparation / interview skills.
End of June	Paid employment opportunities for some students, subject to suitability and availability.
July	PD specialism day with date to be confirmed.

Selected students attend events. Dates and opportunities are subject to change.