

Meet The Edge Academy's new Careers Co-ordinator!



Careers support has always been a vital part of The Edge Pledge, given that we support our students to take advantage of every opportunity, responsibility and experience in life. We aim to raise students' aspirations and ensure that every student works towards their goals. Quality careers education, information, advice and guidance allows students to explore every avenue available to them and set a path that suits them. We also recognise that our students come from a range of backgrounds, so we aim to provide support to them and their families to decide the future that they want to work towards. Our curriculum is designed to prepare young people to be ready to move on to their next stage safely and to produce respectful, responsible citizens.

We have maintained the highest of standards of careers support in recent years and have consistently outperformed national averages for hitting the GATSBY benchmarks. To support our sustained growth in student numbers, we have now decided to invest in making careers support an even more integral part of our curriculum offer by appointing a Careers Co-ordinator.

We were delighted to appoint Sam Pearson to this new and exciting role in September 2023. Sam has a background in West Midlands Police as a Young Persons Officer and has always had a passion for working with young people as she explains...“After gaining workplace experience, I decided to fulfil my dream of attending university. I completed my degree later in life in Working with Children, Young People and Families. I had heard of the great work at The Edge Academy through Newman University and applied as soon as the role was advertised. I know the area and community well and have worked here for ten years.”

Charlotte Poynton, our Senior Assistant Principal, who has overseen our careers work in recent years and who will continue to work closely with Sam, has been delighted with her appointment; “Sam’s appointment as a non-teaching Careers Co-ordinator is a statement of intent around how seriously we take this area and how ambitious our future plans are. She has already made a great impact with students by arranging bespoke work experience opportunities and quickly making links with local businesses, schools and colleges”.

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