

## RECOGNITION OF QUALITY AWARD – RECORD OF ASSESSMENT

**ESTABLISHMENT** Debden Park High School

**AWARD AREA** Careers Education and Guidance

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS	ON-GOING DEVELOPMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The School offers a broad and well structured programme that offers all Year groups opportunities to develop personal and work related knowledge and skills. There is a strong emphasis on raising aspirations and enabling students to understand the pathways to achieving their ambitions. KS3 students have timetabled opportunities that engage them in team activities, financial capability and CV construction exercises. At KS4 there is preparation for Work Experience, which is now successfully organised by the school and is linked to a practice interview with employers. Students engage in business simulations and have opportunities to attend careers fairs involving businesses and taster sessions at FE and HE institutions.</li> <li>• Strong and productive links have been forged with the local FE College. There is active engagement with the local IAG Forum and collaboration with other schools. Close collaboration with the Connexions Adviser ensures that all Yr 11 Students receive guidance appropriate to their individual needs. The focus on the individual is exemplified by the recent opportunity given to 4 pupils at risk of joining the NEET cohort to participate in the 'U Project'. – All 4 students are now in vocational training.</li> <li>• Students have a clear understanding of the purpose and benefits of the career related activities they undertake.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The School is considering expanding the currently successful Aim Higher programme to involve more students in exploring Higher Education options.</li> <li>• KS4 students reported that they are keen to maintain a record of their achievements, and it may be helpful to formalise this process, either in paper format, or online.</li> <li>• There is potential to develop existing review and feedback procedures to inform future planning.</li> </ul>

I RECOMMEND THIS ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE ABOVE AWARD

ASSESSOR Marilyn Hopkins

DATE 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009