



### 5. Careers, Employability and Key Skills

#### Engagement Centres



#### Vocational Pathways at Newbridge Secondary SEMH

At Newbridge Secondary SEMH, we recognise that not all young people thrive in a traditional classroom environment. That is why vocational placements are a central part of our curriculum offer.

#### Local Partnerships Across Wigan

We work closely with colleges and engagement centres across Wigan, including ARC, Elysium, Applecast, Fix It, Bike Mech, TMP (Music & Drama), The Arc Hair & Beauty / Excel in Life Hair & Beauty, and the Wigan Athletic Foundation.

#### Tailored Pathways for Future Success

These partnerships provide a broad vocational pathway tailored to each student's interests, strengths, and future goals.



## Personal Development at Newbridge School



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#### Hands-On Vocational Learning

Through hands-on placements, students take part in practical learning such as music and drama, bike and car mechanics, hair and beauty, construction, horse and animal care and other skills-based training.

#### Wigan Athletic Foundation Personal Development Programme

The Wigan Athletic Foundation's 12-week personal development programme further develops confidence, teamwork, resilience, and employability skills, helping students prepare for Post-16 education, apprenticeships, or employment.

#### Bike Mech Partnership – Abram, Wigan

Our partnership with Bike Mech in Abram, Wigan, offers a structured workshop environment where students learn bicycle maintenance and repair under the guidance of experienced staff, including Ken and the team. This practical setting builds confidence, independence and valuable real-world workplace skills in a supportive and engaging environment.