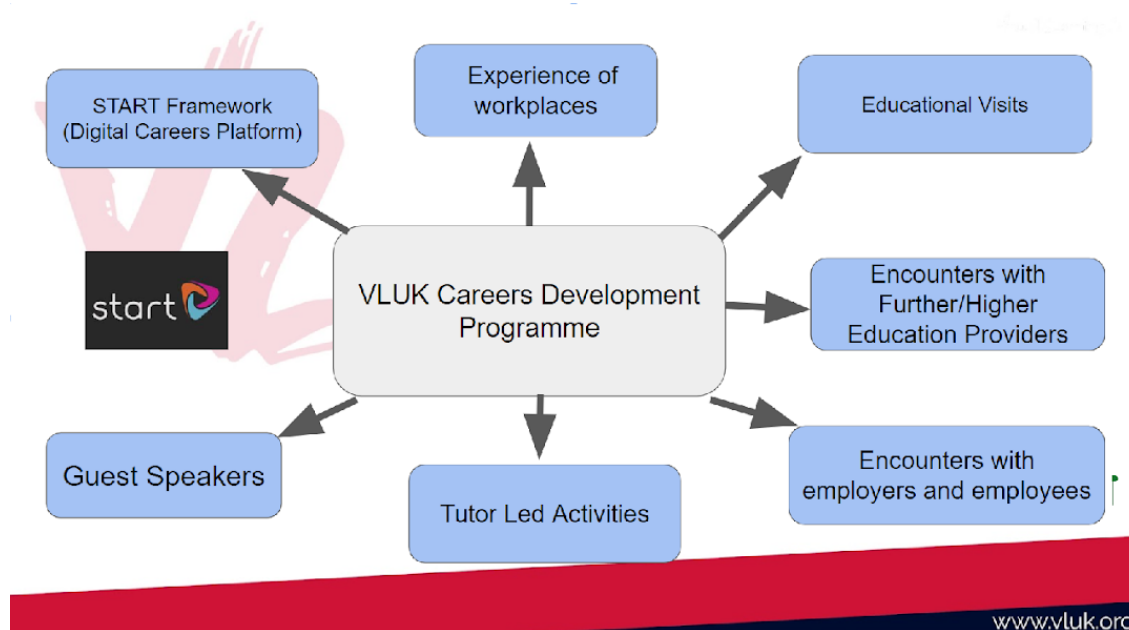


VLUK Careers Development Programme

The VLUK Careers Development Programme forms an integral part of our learners Personal Development. It is supported via delivery of specific sessions within the Tutorial Programme.

VLUK has a legal requirement to provide all learners with guidance materials and a wide range of up-to-date reference materials relating to careers education and career opportunities, as per section 45 of the Education Act 1997.

The diagram below shows the key elements of the VLUK Careers Development Programme.



The 'Start' framework is our digital careers platform and equips our learners with the skills required to enter and progress successfully into the world of work.

Employer engagement is promoted through careers related talks, presentations, guest speakers and other events.

Encounters with further and higher education are arranged at each VLUK campus and local providers are invited to give presentations. Learners are also given access to many colleges/universities through UCAS and are encouraged to attend relevant HE events.

Learners can also access individual support from their Tutors/VLUK/Heads of Campus/Careers Lead. The VLUK Careers Lead is Ben Broyd, Head of Learner Experience.

Learners are assessed regularly against set career outcomes through the ILP reviews at the end of each term.

Accessing the VLUK Careers Development Programme

Learners are provided with an online account for the Start Framework. Parents and Carers can view their young person's account with them to view their *StartProfile*, which is continuously updated throughout the academic year,

<https://careers.startprofile.com/page/parents>

Measuring the impact of our Careers Development Programme

We receive regular feedback from learners, parents, carers, and local employers to ensure our careers development programme is fit for purpose.

Labour Market Information

Having access to labour market information is critical when exploring career options and making career decisions. This informs us of the skills currently sought by employers, areas of work that are growing and those that are in decline, Details of employment trends by region, future employment prospects and the current level of demand for workers can be found for the jobs and industries featured.

VLUK Information, Advice and Guidance

The VLUK information, advice and guidance policy can be accessed through this [LINK](#). VLUK has Matrix Accreditation, which is renewed every three years.

Useful Career Support Links.

The National Careers Service - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Prospects - <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>

Talking Futures - <https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/careers-support/>

Apprenticeships - <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices#>

