

key strategic statements



ORT UK KEY STRATEGIC STATEMENTS

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to empower the next generation to make informed and confident decisions about their future careers as they progress through school onto the next stage. We focus on developing the essential skills needed to unlock opportunities in the workplace. We provide students with the tools to help them make valuable contributions to potential employers. Through our tailored mentoring and development training, students build resilience and vital skills to navigate their own pathway to a fulfilling professional life.

Our Vision

A world where every young person is empowered with the confidence, independence, and skills to unlock their potential, shape their future, and thrive in the world of work.

Our Values

- Prioritise student voices because their views are essential to our work.
- Foster a vibrant, inclusive and caring ethos.
- Learn from each other through collaboration and partnership.
- Be creative and flexible thinkers.

ORT JUMP

ORT JUMP is a bespoke set of programmes designed to help equip students with the confidence to engage with adults and present themselves effectively with the skills they need to thrive in a rapidly evolving post school environment. Our programmes prepare young people for the challenges of tomorrow and enable them to recognise their unique contribution in various ways, in different employment and industry settings.

ORT JUMP is many things

MENTORING PROGRAMME: a bespoke approach which matches students with professionals to build new networks and enabling them to gain new perspectives on the working world.

SKILLS DAYS: provide hands-on workshops with sector specialists who present real-life challenges for students to solve, offering practical insights into different industries.

TEAM CHALLENGE: focuses on developing leadership skills, teamwork, and creativity as a way for students to enhance their presentation and communication skills.

ALTERNATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE: is a modern take on work experience which spans a variety of industries and exposes students to diverse professional tasks and environments.

ORT JUMP helps students harness their natural talents and aspirations. The programmes create an experiential learning environment where students can explore their talents and interests and gain a broad understanding of the modern workplace and its dynamics.

Our tailored approach supports young people throughout their secondary education, making ORT JUMP an invaluable addition to the traditional curriculum and enhancing schools' ability to deliver the Gatsby Benchmarks. Our programmes facilitate valuable interactions between students and employers, providing insights into the aspirations and motivations of the next generation.

Case for Support

Unfortunately, far too many young people leave education every year without having had any work experience, often lacking essential workplace skills like etiquette, reliability, and flexibility. Young people need support to help to build the confidence, resilience, and sense of direction they need to meet the evolving demands of the workplace. At the same time, government investment in careers advice services in schools has been dramatically reduced.

ORT UK supports schools to tackle these critical issues. We offer students a unique, experiential learning environment which prepares them for the changing world of work and helps them develop their natural talents and match these with different pathways and opportunities.

Our programmes extend beyond the core curriculum, aiming to provide students with mentorship and skills training at no additional cost to schools. Following an independent evaluation from Coventry University in 2019, we are confident that our input enhances student outcomes and helps to foster cohorts of adaptable, resilient young people.

Currently, ORT UK works with 1,300 young people in London. Our goal over the next three years is to expand our reach to 2,500 students in two London boroughs and in Manchester, Leeds, Glasgow, and Brighton.

We harness a network of over 400 volunteers as facilitators and mentors who donate their time to our programmes and bring with them their experience of a wide range of industries, careers, and sectors. It is a sign of our success that over 10% of current mentors are alumni of the Mentoring Programme. Their input is essential.

We consider the needs of socially and economically disadvantaged students and those with SEN and other learning disabilities, to ensure that our programmes are inclusive and effective for all.

ORT UK has been supported by a dedicated group of donors, and now we are reaching out for your support to ensure that we can continue our mission. By investing in ORT UK, you are not just funding a programme, you are investing in the future.

Your support will enable us to:

- Expand our programmes to more schools in new cities.
- Devote resources to measure our impact and performance more effectively.
- Engage more specialists to address the specific needs of young people.
- Ensure a level of financial stability that allows for long-term planning and development.

Your contribution will enable us to provide essential skills and training to the next generation, preparing them to thrive in a challenging workplace environment. We invite you to join us in this vital mission.





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