



# LONDON FOR ALL

## A ROADMAP TO END POVERTY



## Early Learning & Education

### 6.8 Expand elementary school initiatives that increase awareness of all post-secondary options

#### **myBlueprint Education Planner**

The myBlueprint Education Planner is an online tool available to all TVDSB students (Grades 7-12), teachers and parents to: investigate and research educational options for all pathways (apprenticeship, work, college and university), discover learning styles, explore career interest surveys, plan secondary school courses, set short-term and long-term goals, build resumes and much more. myBlueprint follows a comprehensive education and career planning process that meets the learning needs, interests, and aspirations of all students. Students actively learn about their interests, skills, passions, and feelings, and document what they discover about themselves in pictures, videos, and journals.

#### **My Action Plan to Education (M.A.P.) – Boys & Girls Club of London**

Junior My Action Plan to Education (Jr. M.A.P.) is geared to students who are in grades 4 through 8. Personalized academic support is provided for all students based on their grade and need. All participants must be members of the BGCL and complete a Junior M.A.P. application.

The Senior M.A.P. Program focuses on supporting youth in Grades 9 through 12 in their educational journey. Senior M.A.P. is a registered academic program providing a variety of services under four pillars; academics, advocacy, financial support, and social support. Students receive personalized tutoring help from volunteers who can provide assistance with homework, projects or studying for upcoming tests.

King's University College has partnered with the Boys & Girls Club of London to offer a weekend at King's for participants of the Senior M.A.P. program.

## **Learning for Life**

This free online decision-tree is a product of the Local Employment Planning Council and was released in August 2018. The site provides information on hundreds of adult education and training opportunities across London.

## **Pathways**

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## **Bigs on Campus Program**

In November 2017, internally restricted UWEM funding of \$20,000 (one-time funding) was invested in Big Brothers Big Sisters of London & Area – Bigs on Campus Program. The funding provided additional staffing support to the program to enhance its organizational structure as well as support event management, planning and access to opportunities on campus.

Bigs on Campus is a Western University group run by Western students in collaboration with Big Brothers Big Sisters of London & Area that provides programming to mentees ages 9 and up, both in one to one matches and awaiting a match. The Western University students are a group of fun and positive role models that believe access to education is important for all young people. Bigs on Campus hosts events on campus throughout the school year including campus tours, sporting events, music workshops and resume writing workshops. Unmatched mentees ages 9 and up are encouraged to join and attend events where they are matched with a screened and trained university student who is their mentor for the day.