

Provider Access Statement: Careers Education

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Annex A: Policy statement on provider access

Whitstone School : Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8 to 13 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point;
- to hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for year 8 to 9 pupils and two encounters for year 10 to 11 pupils. For pupils in year 12 to 13, particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- share information about both the provider and the approved technical education qualification and apprenticeships that the provider offers
- explain what career routes those options could lead to
- provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider (including the opportunity to meet staff and pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the [Making it meaningful checklist](#).

Previous providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- Langdons
- Wainwrights Quarry
- Somerset NHS foundation trust
- BGW solicitors - apprenticeships
- Leonardo's helicopters - apprenticeships
- Bath and West Showground - events management
- Further education college - Strode college
- Further education college - Bath college
- Apprenticeship provider - ASK apprenticeships
- Sexey's sixth form
- Next Steps South West - apprenticeships and level 3 options

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

Key statistics - correct as of November 2022

- General FE College Strode - 66 students
- General FE College Bath college - 17 students
- General FE College Bridgwater/Taunton college - 16 students
- General FE College Yeovil - 5
- The Blue School - sixth form - 1
- Frome College sixth form - 1
- Norton Hill sixth form - 1

- Wiltshire College - I

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Alannah Pickaver, Careers administrator - alannah.pickaver@whitstoneschool.org Sharon Hooper, Careers lead - sharon.hooper@whitstoneschool.org

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold on table below) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers.

Please speak to our Careers Lead - Sharon Hooper (sharon.hooper@whitstoneschool.org) to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8		PSHE careers module to include talk by employer, at least one from local Police/PCSO team, Bath and West showground events team, Langdons	
Year 9	<p>Selected students to meet with careers advisor</p> <p>Yr 9 University of Bath careers talk - Inspiring Futures day</p> <p>Yr 9 visit to Somerset careers fair at Junction 24 conference centre</p>	<p>Year 9 mini careers fair - runs as part of Year 9 parents evening</p> <p>PSHE careers module to include talk by employer, at least one from local Police/PCSO team, Bath and West showground events team, Langdons</p>	<i>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 9</i>
Year 10	<p>Year 10 careers fair - runs as part of Year 10 parents evening to include:</p> <p>Strode College (FE) Bridgwater and taunton College (FE) Bath college (FE) Sexey's sixth form (FE) Next Steps South West (options support)</p> <p>Meetings with careers advisor</p>	<p>University of Exeter visit - higher education options, university life sessions</p> <p>Life Skills – work experience preparation</p>	<p>Life Skills – work experience evaluation sessions in ECC lessons</p> <p>Employer talk in ECC lesson</p>

<p>Year 11</p>	<p>Post 16 provider open evenings.</p> <p>Post 16 Strode college taster day - all students</p> <p>Sixth form assembly - Sexey's, Bruton</p> <p>College assembly</p> <p>ASK apprenticeship assembly</p> <p>Post 16 talks in ECC lessons - led by Next Steps South West - level 3 options</p> <p>Post 16 talks in ECC lessons - led by Next Steps South West - apprenticeship information sessions</p> <p>Year 11 careers fair - runs as part of Year 11 parents evening to include:</p> <p>Strode College (FE) Strode Collège - apprenticeship team Bridgwater and taunton College (FE) Bath college (FE)</p>	<p>Post-16 college interviews</p> <p>Transition panel support if required for students</p>	<p>Confirmation of post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils - communication with all students and parents to ensure support</p> <p><i>No encounters - legislation requires that encounters to take place by 28th February if in Year 11</i></p>
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	<p>Sexey's sixth form (FE) Next Steps South West (university life) Army Navy BGW Solicitors - apprenticeship Leonardos Helicopters Somerset NHS Trust SomersetWorks - next steps</p> <p>Meetings with careers adviser</p> <p>Post 16 applications support</p>		
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Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader or a member of their team.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature for the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the careers administrator. This area is available to all pupils at break time.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via www.careersandenterprise.co.uk

Approval and review

Approved January 2023 by Governors at Curriculum and Standards

Committee Next review: January 2024

Headteacher: Mr G Swallow