



Abbot Beyne School

Provider Access Policy 2022-23

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at 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 students in Years 8-13 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 pupils during the 'first key phase' (Year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (Year 10 to 11). For pupils in the 'third key phase' (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](#).

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

Previous providers

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

- DWP Support for Schools Advisor.
- Louise Cartwright
- DBC training
- NHBC

Destinations of our pupils

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

- 87% of our pupils continued in full-time education
- 7% took up structured learning in the workplace

Last year our Year 13 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- 70% of our pupils went into Higher Education
- 5% secured apprenticeships in the NHS or a dental practice
- 5% joined the services (RAF)
- Other local employment destinations included: Outsider Art Studio; JD Sports; The Busy Bees Group

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mr Jamie Tickle, Headteacher, Telephone: 01283 759007; Email: headteacher@abbotbeyneschool.co.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text) 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.

	Autumn Term 2022	Spring Term 2023	Summer Term 2023
Year 8	Life Skills: assembly and Form Tutor opportunities	National Careers Week 6 -11 th March 2023	STEM Careers and challenging stereotypes

Year 9	Employability Skills	National Careers Week 6 -11 th March 2023 Pathways Evening 16 th March 2023	STEM Careers and challenging stereotypes
Year 10	Life Skills – work experience preparation sessions in Form Tutor time	National Apprenticeship Week 6 - 12th February 2023 National Careers Week 6 -11 th March 2023	Year 10 Work Experience Week - 17th July 2023
Year 11	Assemblies: Post-16 opportunities; Sixth Form Evening 13 th October 2022	National Apprenticeship Week 6 - 12th February 2023 National Careers Week 6 -11 th March 2023	Post-16 taster sessions
Year 12	Higher Education Fair Post-18 assembly - apprenticeships	Year 12 Work Experience Week – 3 rd January 2023 Volunteering	Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options
Year 13	Workshops – HE and higher apprenticeship applications	Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options	

Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, 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.

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Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.

Complaints:

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

Approval and review

Approved 18th May 2023 by Chair of Governors

Next review: Summer Term 2024

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Jay Trivedy – Chair of Governors

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Jamie Tickle - Headteacher