



The Stable School: Provider Access Policy

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 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 with a minimum requirement of two encounters for pupils during Yr. 8 to Yr. 9 and two encounters for pupils during Yr. 10 to Yr. 11.

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 these 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 or students from that provider).
- answer questions from pupils.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. 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 or we have visited their settings:

- Bournemouth University
- Bournemouth & Poole College
- ASK Apprenticeship workshops
- Brockenhurst College

Destinations of our Pupils



Last year our five Yr. 11 pupils moved on to a range of providers in the local area after school:

- Two students moved on further education at a local college, one student to study a L2 vocational course and the other student moved on to study 3 A-levels.
- Two students moved on to alternative post-16 providers, one on a ready to work programme and the other student to a training provider to start a childcare course.
- One student moved to a SEND specialist college.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Melissa Douglas, Career Leader, melissa@thestableschool.co.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme.

We offer providers an opportunity to come into The Stable School to speak to pupils and or their parents/carers.

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

Premises and facilities

The school will make classroom or 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 Head of School. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Leader to distribute to the students and available for them to take at any time.

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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:

Next review: February 2024

Signed: *B. Whittaker*

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