



Ivybridge Community College

Provider Access Statement

July 2026

Introduction

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

Careers Lead Matt Kibler (Assistant Principal)

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in Years 8 to 13 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship 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 (universities, colleges, training providers, employers) about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through events, assemblies, group workshops 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' (Years 8 to 9) and two Encounters for pupils during the 'second Key Phase' (Years 10 to 11). For pupils in the 'third Key Phase' (Years 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 College 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. 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 and employers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- Duchy College
- Skills Group Training Provider
- South Devon University Technical College
- Sibelco/Plessey/Kawasaki/Babcock
- Plymouth University
- Arts University Plymouth
- Building Plymouth

Destinations of our pupils

Class of 2025, Year 11 pupils moved to a range of providers in the local area after College:

- Various local Sixth Forms
- Exeter College
- City College Plymouth
- Arts University Plymouth (pre Degree Programmes)
- Duchy College
- Greenlight Training Provider

Class of 2025, Year 13 pupils moved to a range of providers in the local area after College:

- Higher Education, including Plymouth and Exeter Universities
- Arts University Plymouth
- Forces (Army, Navy, RAF)

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Ms J Hughes (Careers Officer)

Careers Lead Matt Kibler (Assistant Principal)

Telephone: 01752 691000

Email: careers@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

The College offers the six Provider Encounters required by law (in bold) and a number of additional events, integrated into the College Careers Programme. We offer providers an opportunity to come into the College to speak to pupils or their parents or carers. Please speak to Ms Hughes, Careers Officer, to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Below is a table giving an outline of a selection of our annual Careers events. In keeping with new Provider Access requirements from January 2023, we will ensure that the programme for annual Careers Events will contain the following:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Unifrog Enrolment, Careers Assembly	Science Week, Careers Assembly	Careers Assembly (e.g. Careers in Law, KBG Chambers)
Year 8	Event/Assembly/Visit by technical education or apprenticeship provider (e.g. Woolcombe Yonge - Advanced, Higher & Degree Apprenticeships, University)	Science Week, Building Plymouth Apprenticeship Assembly	Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) students seen by Future Smart Careers - 1:1 Careers Support Sessions
Year 9	Key Stage 4 Options event Employer Assembly (e.g. Plessey - HNC & Degree Apprenticeships)	Unifrog – identifying interests ICC Careers Fair Visit by Technical Education or Apprenticeship Provider (e.g. RAF) Science Week Employability Skills Session	Legislation requires Encounters to take place by 28 February if in Year 9 EHCP students seen by Future Smart Careers - 1:1 Careers Support Sessions
Year 10	Launchpad Live Event (Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) students), Post 16 Careers assembly with Employer or College offering Apprenticeships (e.g. Access Creative College) Employer Encounter Workshops CIAG 1 :1 sessions CEC Experiences of the Workplaces Visits for SEND students (e.g. City Bus Plymouth)	Work Experience preparation sessions Awareness Assembly (Future Smart Careers) CIAG 1 :1 sessions Careers Assembly by a local employer/college/training provider (e.g. University of Bath) Careers workshops with local employers ICC Careers Fair Science Week	Work experience Week Work experience Year 10 on site provision, including employer visits/DWP CV/Budgeting sessions, Life Support Sessions, training provider apprenticeships session, teambuilding session. 1:1 CIAG sessions
Year 11	Launchpad Live Event (SEND students) CIAG - 1:1 sessions, Post 16 Destinations, University Assembly (South Wales) EHCP student visit to City College Plymouth (post 16 destination)	CIAG 1:1 sessions Post 16 interviews Post 16 Destinations ICC Careers Fair Science Week Babcock interview techniques workshop Post 16 Apprenticeships Assembly (Skills Group Training Provider)	CIAG 1 :1 sessions Post 16 Destinations GCSE Examinations Legislation requires Encounters to take place by 28 February if in Year 11

Year 12	Higher Education (HE) Fair with HE providers including local Further Education (FE) Colleges Employer Encounters (e.g. NHS University of Bath, Law Werferstons), Student Finance information	UCAS preparation ICC Careers Fair Science Week UCAS Fair in Exeter Apprenticeship Fair	Work Experience Futures Week Mock Interviews Student Finance Talk
Year 13	Post 18 assembly, with Higher and Degree Apprenticeship providers Student Finance talk Employer Encounters (e.g. NHS University of Bath, Law Werferstons),	Ivybridge Community College Careers Fair Science Week UCAS Fair	Confirmation of Post 18 destinations Legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in Year 13
Parents/ Guardians		Ivybridge Community College Careers Fair	Careers Parent Meet Session

Premises and facilities

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

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Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Office. The Careers Office is available as a 'drop in' for all students every weekday during school Breaks.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the College's complaints procedure.