



Ivybridge Community College

Provider Access Statement

January 2024

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.

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 about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through events, assemblies and 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
- Achievement Training
- South Devon University Technical College
- Plessey
- Hinkley Point C
- Exeter & Plymouth Universities
- Building Plymouth

Destinations of our pupils

Last year 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
- Skills Group Training Provider

Last year 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)
- Focus Group Training Provider

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Ms I Martin (Assistant Principal, Head of Sixth Form and Careers)

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 Martin, Assistant Principal, 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	Science Week, Careers Assembly (e.g. Careers in the NHS)	
Year 8	Event/Assembly/Visit by technical education or apprenticeship provider (e.g. South Devon UTC)	Science Week, Creative Careers Assembly by AUP	Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) students seen by Careers South West Group (CSW) - 1:1 Careers Support Sessions
Year 9	Key Stage 4 Options event, Employer Assembly (e.g. Plessey)	Unifrog – identifying interests, ICC Careers Fair Visit by Technical Education or Apprenticeship Provider (e.g. Access Creative College) Science Week	Legislation requires Encounters to take place by 28 February if in Year 9 EHCP students seen by CSW group - 1:1 Careers Support Sessions
Year 10	Work Experience applications & preparation sessions, ASK Apprenticeships Awareness Session via Teams Assembly Launchpad Live Event (Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) students), Post 16 Careers assembly with Employer or College offering Apprenticeships (e.g. Hinkley Point C, Kawaski) , various group Employer Workshops	ASK Apprenticeship Awareness Session CIAG 1:1 sessions, Careers Assembly by a local employer/college/training provider Careers workshops with local employers (e.g. solicitor, Building Plymouth, RAF) ICC Careers Fair Science Week	Work experience 1:1 – Careers Information, Advice and Guidance (CIAG) sessions Employability Skills workshops
Year 11	CIAG - 1:1 sessions, Post 16 Destinations, Launchpad Live Event (SEND students) Post 16 Apprenticeships Assembly (Building Plymouth) T Level Awareness Assembly Introduction to University Assembly (Plymouth University Outreach)	CIAG 1:1 sessions Post 16 interviews Post 16 Destinations ICC Careers Fair Science Week Employer Careers Assembly (e.g. RAF)	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. Wolferstans Solicitors), Site Visits (e.g. Kawasaki)	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	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.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils (e.g. ASK Apprenticeship Awareness sessions via Teams to all Year 10 tutor groups)

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 Break 2.

Complaints:

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