

SHAFTESBURY 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 purposes 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 and the subsequent Provider Access Legislation 2023.

Student 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

The school has previously been visited by or has visited a number of providers.

These include: Yeovil College, Kingston Maurward College, The Colleges Partnership, NHS, British Army, RAF, University of Bath, Bath Spa University, Bournemouth University, University of Winchester and a range of local employers including BV Dairies, AJ Hammond and Battens Solicitors.

Student Destinations

Year 11 students last year

Shaftesbury Sixth Form	77	54%
Other Sixth Form	15	10%
FE college	41	29%
Training	6	4%
FT Employment	1	1%

Year 13 Students Last Year

Higher Education	52	59%
Employment	33	38%
Training	3	3%

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Sarah Hunter, SLT Careers lead.

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text 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 Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
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7	Assembly and tutor group opportunities M&G Maths Challenge PSHE lessons Careers display and library information	Assembly and tutor group opportunities PSHE lessons Careers display and library information	Assembly and tutor group opportunities Powering Transformation Workshop at The University of Bath PSHE lessons Careers display and library information
8	Assembly and tutor group opportunities PSHE lessons Careers display and library information Bournemouth University talk	Assembly and tutor group opportunities PSHE lessons Careers display and library information National Careers Week Employer speed dating North Dorset Careers Fair	Assembly and tutor group opportunities PSHE lessons Careers display and library information
9	Assembly and tutor group opportunities PSHE lessons Careers display and library information Bournemouth University talk	Assembly and tutor group opportunities PSHE lessons Careers display and library information National Careers Week Learn to Earn workshop Options evening and options week Choosing your options talk The Colleges Partnership apprenticeship talk NHS apprenticeship talk	<i>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 9</i> Assembly and tutor group opportunities PSHE lessons Careers display and library information

10	Assemblies PSHE lessons Careers display and library information Meetings with Careers Advisor The Colleges Partnership apprenticeship talk Bournemouth University talk	Assemblies Careers display and library information PSHE lessons National Careers Week Meetings with Careers Advisor The Colleges Partnership apprenticeship talk Kingston Maurward open day North Dorset Careers Fair Ask Apprenticeships talk	Assemblies Careers display and library information Post-16 Taster Day Meetings with Careers Advisor Mock interviews Yeovil college taster day RAF insight talks and visit DTSL careers day Rise employability skills workshop Army workshops
11	PSHE lessons Life skills – assembly, tutor group opportunities, lunchtime talks. Careers display and library information Meetings with Careers Advisor Sixth form open evening Army Royal Signals Cyber Challenge Bournemouth University talk	Assemblies Careers display and library information PSHE lessons National Apprenticeship Show Post 16 Interviews National Careers Week Meetings with Careers Advisor Kingston Maurward open day National Apprenticeship Show Ask Apprenticeships talk	<i>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 11</i> PSHE lessons Assemblies Careers display and library information Confirmation of post-18 education and training destinations for all pupils Meetings with Careers Advisor

12	Post 18 assembly – apprenticeships Core Sessions Displays, Apprenticeship adverts, Higher Education Prospectuses, University Visits. Meetings with Careers Advisor Careers lessons Mock interviews	Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options with Careers Advisor Core Sessions Displays, Apprenticeship adverts, Higher Education Prospectuses, University Visits. Careers lessons National Careers Week Meetings with Careers Advisor National Apprenticeship show Apprenticeship application session	Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options Core Sessions Displays, Apprenticeship adverts, Higher Education Prospectuses, University Visits Careers lessons Meetings with Careers Advisor Work experience UCAS Discovery fair Bath Spa University visit
13	Post 18 assembly – higher and degree level apprenticeships Core Sessions Careers lesson Displays, Apprenticeship adverts, Higher Education Prospectuses, University Visits. Meetings with Careers Advisor Mock interviews	Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options with Careers Advisor Core Sessions Careers lessons Displays, Apprenticeship adverts, Higher Education Prospectuses, National Apprenticeship Show, UCAS Exhibition, University Visits. National Careers Week Meetings with Careers Advisor National Apprenticeship show Apprenticeship application session	<i>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 13</i> Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options Core Sessions Careers lessons Displays, Apprenticeship adverts, Higher Education Prospectuses, University Visits Confirmation of post-18 education and training destinations for all pupils Meetings with Careers Advisor

The school policy on safeguarding <https://www.shaftesburyschool.co.uk/our-school/safeguarding/> sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

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 Head of Careers 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 with the careers lead.

Complaints

If providers wish to make a complaint about a lack of access they should contact Sarah Hunter, Assistant Headteacher on sarah.hunter@shaftesburyschool.co.uk or 01747 854498.