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Policy statement on provider access

Boston College Provider Access Policy

Introduction
This policy statement sets out the 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 12 and 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;
- hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options events, assemblies, group discussions and taster events;
- understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

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 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, plus 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.

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 we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- ASK Apprenticeships
- Talent Academy
- Lincolnshire Community Voluntary Bureau
- Armed Forces
- LiNCHigher
- Bishop Grosseteste University

Destination of our pupils
Last year our year 13 pupils progressed on to:

- A range of providers in the local area after school
- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships
- Progression into employment
- Higher education (either locally or away at university)
- Vocational courses

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Please see careers related activities that take place throughout the academic year as part of Boston College Careers Program:

Careers Guidance	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
1:1 Careers Guidance appointments and drop-ins	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Careers advice at enrolment	*	*										
Swap-not-drop interviews	*	*	*									
Career Pathway discussions	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Next step discussions	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transition (Bespoke for SEND)	*	*					*	*	*	*	*	*
Annual Reviews (Bespoke for learners with EHCP's)				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Events	**AUG**	**SEP**	**OCT**	**NOV**	**DEC**	**JAN**	**FEB**	**MAR**	**APR**	**MAY**	**JUN**	**JUL**
GCSE Open Event – 1:1 Careers advice available	*											
College Open Event – 1:1 Careers advice available			*	*			*					
Taster/Induction Events – 1:1 Careers advice available		*									*	
Parents Event – 1:1 Careers advice available			*					*				
Adult learner Event – 1:1 Careers advice available						*						
Volunteer Fair			*									

Further Study	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
UCAS appointments	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Effective personal statements	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mock interviews	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Student Finance support							*	*	*	*	*	*
Budgeting at university							*	*	*	*	*	*
University Visits				*			*					
HE Fair		*										
Parents HE briefing			*									
Progression events								*	*	*	*	
Apprenticeships	**AUG**	**SEP**	**OCT**	**NOV**	**DEC**	**JAN**	**FEB**	**MAR**	**APR**	**MAY**	**JUN**	**JUL**
How to find an apprenticeship	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Apprenticeship Talent Pool		*		*		*		*		*		*
Apprenticeship Week							*					
Employment	**AUG**	**SEP**	**OCT**	**NOV**	**DEC**	**JAN**	**FEB**	**MAR**	**APR**	**MAY**	**JUN**	**JUL**
Jobs Fair							*					
Employability Skills (Making Adult Curriculum)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Work Experience	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Rights and Responsibility Week			*									
Skills competitions	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Search/CV/Letter Support	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mock interviews	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Encounters with employers	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Management of provider access requests
Procedure
A provider wishing to request access should contact *Sharon Posey, Interim Head of Learner Services, email: Sharon-p@boston.ac.uk*

Opportunities for access
A number of events, integrated into the schools careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into college to speak to pupils or their parents/carers.

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

Premises and facilities
The College will make the classrooms, University Centre rooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The College will also make available AV 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. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Hub, which is managed by the Careers team. We are also able to promote any open events, leaflets and literature via our learner cross-college Teams page.

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

Approval and Review

Approved by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee

Next review: 1 March 2024

Signed:

Chair of Governors:

Head Teacher: