

Beaminster School Careers Information Provider Access Policy Statement



TITLE: Provider Access Policy Statement	MANAGEMENT: Headteacher
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Rationale

High quality careers education and guidance in school is critical to young people's futures. It helps to prepare them for the workplace by providing a clear understanding of the world of work, including the routes to jobs and careers that they might find engaging and rewarding. It supports them to acquire the self-development and career management skills they need to achieve positive employment destinations, and helps students to choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy.

As the number of apprenticeships rises every year, it becomes increasingly important that all young people have a full understanding of all the options available to them post-16 and post-18, including wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Commitment

Beaminster School is committed to providing opportunities for a range of education and training providers to access students for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships.

The school is fully aware of the responsibility to set students on a path that will secure the best outcome to enable them to progress in education and work, and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

Beaminster School endeavours to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and are able to access information on technical options and apprenticeships (The Department of Education, July 2021: "Baker Clause": supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options, and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023).

Aims

To develop students' knowledge and awareness of all career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.

To support young people to learn more about opportunities for education and training outside of school before making crucial choices about their future options.

To reduce drop-out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (young people not in education, employment or training).

Student Entitlement

Beaminster School fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The school will comply with the legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships across Year 8-13.

Development

This policy is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Headteacher based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

Links with Other Policies

This policy supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Child Protection, Equality and SEND.

Equality and Diversity

Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all students to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. Beaminster School is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

Requests for Access

Requests for access should be directed to the Careers Leader via office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk or 01308 862633.

Grounds for Granting Requests for Access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled careers or PSHE lessons, Sixth Form tutor periods and careers events that the school arranges. Students may also travel to visit other providers as part of organised trips in partnership with the school.

Details of Premises or Facilities to be Provided to a Person Who is Given Access

Beaminster School will provide an appropriate room(s) or assembly hall as required and computer rooms can be arranged. The school will work closely with the provider to ensure the facilities are suitable for the audience, and appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers will be met and supervised by the Careers Lead or other member of staff.

Live/Virtual Encounters

Beaminster School will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school hall. Technology checks will be required in advance to ensure the security and compatibility of systems.

Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents/carers may be invited to attend events to meet providers.

Management

The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to the Headteacher.

Complaints Procedure

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

Monitoring Review and Evaluation

The policy is monitored and evaluated annually by the Headteacher and Careers Lead.