

Bexley Grammar 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 purpose 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.

Pupil entitlement

At Bexley Grammar all pupils in years 7-13 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;
- have a minimum of 6 encounters with providers.

We offer our students the encounters mentioned above in line with the statutory requirements through PSCHE lessons, assemblies and Power Days. All Year 8 and 9 students are offered dedicated assemblies about T Levels and apprenticeships, and this continues throughout the school using both external providers and our alumni. Year 10 and 12 students take part in our annual Future Aspirations day where they meet with industry professionals and representatives from universities and colleges to gain information about the qualifications they offer. Students in transition years are offered support from our Careers and Higher Education Adviser, and from Marion Schoberth, our Prospects adviser. Our school is committed to providing meaningful encounters for all pupils.

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

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Jo Caley-Gardiner, Careers and Higher Education Adviser Tel: 0208 298 2313 Email: caley-gardiner_j@bexleygs.co.uk

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school calendar, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carer. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify a suitable opportunity for you.

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 Careers Leader. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Office. The Careers Office is available to all students at lunch and break times.

Approval and review

Signed:



Chair of Trustees

Signed:



Head Teacher