

Managing the access of Education and Training Providers



Aims:

This policy statement sets out the College's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's training offer. This complies with the College's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Student entitlement

All students in years 8 to 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 students of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for students during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for students during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11). For students 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 students to attend.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during 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 students from the provider)
- answer questions from students.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between students and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all students 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 students.

Previous providers

In previous terms/years the College has invited the following providers to speak to our students:

Torbay Hospital
The Royal Navy
Taylor Woodrow - Civil Engineers
Offshore Turbines cannot attend
Bath Spa University
Faithful and Gould - Construction
The Army
Kier Construction
TLH- Torbay Leisure Hotels
University of Plymouth
Apprenticeships/Photonics
Danny White Hair- Barbers
The Royal Air Force
Wollens - Solicitors
Cardiff Met University
SWISCO - Waste Management
Gooch and Housego- Optics and Photonics
Oxford Brookes University
Access Creative
HR Training
Falmouth University
BIMM - Musical Institute
Plymouth Marjon University
Arts University Plymouth
NSSW- Next Steps South West
UCSD - University Centre South Devon
CECA - Civil Engineers
The Spires College Sixth Form
University of Bath
Devon Partnership Trust
Swansea University
Torbay Pharmaceuticals
DEFRA - Department for the Environment
University of South Wales
Cardiff University
Tim Durrant from Photonics
Kim Insull from Really Wild Learning
Professor Roy Lowry – Plymouth University
Tim Durrant from Photonics

Destinations of our students following the academic year 2022-23

Year 11 students:

- 25% (53) of students progressed into the Sixth Form at The Spires College
- 75% (151) progressed to other providers, with the majority going onto South Devon College.

Year 13 students:

- 55% (24) progressed onto university
- 6% (3) went into apprenticeships
- 6% (3) went into further education at South Devon College
- 13% (13) went into employment

Management of provider access requests

Opportunities for access

The College offers the six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the college careers programme. Providers are offered an opportunity to come into College to speak to students and/or their parents or carers.

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact our Director of Sixth Form:

Telephone: 01803 408824

Email: sixthform@thespirescollege.com

Complaints:

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