Felixstowe International College

Careers Programme 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

All pupils 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.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mrs.Sharon Breach, Careers Lead, via email sharonbreach@ficedu.org

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers. Alongside these events, providers are always welcome to speak to students in our whole-school weekly assembly or to hold workshops with specific groups of students:

Year group	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Overview of post 16 options for students and parents, to include: A levels, Applied General Qualifications (e.g., BTECs),	Meetings with professional careers adviser. Meeting with a provider of	Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers
	technical and vocational qualifications, apprenticeships, traineeships and supported internships.	technical education or apprenticeships	
Year 9		Meetings with careers adviser KS4 options event	Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers

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Year 10	Life Skills – work experience preparation sessions	Meeting with a provider of technical education or apprenticeships Meetings with careers adviser Encounter with approved technical education or apprenticeships through	Life skills – assembly and tutor group opportunities
		Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers adviser	
Year 11	Post 16 provider open evenings: opportunities to visit local Further Education and sixth form colleges, and other training providers regarding A level, Applied General, technical and vocational and apprenticeships.	Meetings with careers adviser Post-16 interviews Encounter with approved technical education or apprenticeships.	Confirmation of post 16 education destinations for all students
	Post 16 applications		
Year 12	Higher Education Fair at University of Suffolk for a variety of HE providers including local Further Education colleges	Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options Meetings with careers	Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options
	Post-18 assembly – higher and degree apprenticeships	adviser Encounter with a provider of technical education or apprenticeships	
Year 13	Workshops – HE and higher apprenticeship applications	Meetings with careers adviser	Confirmation of post 18 education destinations for all students
	Open day visits to a variety of education providers		

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Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most 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 or a member of SLT.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Leader.

Approval and review

Approved September 2023 by Governors

Signed: Robert Noakes, Chair of Governors

Rebecca Mainprice, Principal