



Brighton Hill Community School

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Brighton Hill Community 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

To support our BHCS Careers Vision Statement that recognises the importance of bespoke provision to meet the individual needs of our students when making their post-16 choices we are committed to an effective provider access programme.

All pupils in years 8-11 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.

We are fully compliant with the 'Provider Access Legislation' legislation that came into force in January 2023 whereby as a school we commit to providing:

- Two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend



- Two encounters for pupils during the ‘second key phase’ (year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend

Our commitment to this aspect of the [BHCS Careers Policy](#) leads to effective post-16 destination choices and respective raising participation age (RPA) situations, where young people are under a duty to participate in education or training until at least their 18th birthday. More of our students go onto RPA compliant situations compared to the Hampshire average. More information on BHCS student destinations can be accessed [here](#).

In addition to meeting PAL we are also committed to attaining and maintaining ‘[The Quality In Careers Standard](#)’.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact David Watkins, Deputy Head (Careers Leader), Telephone: 01256 350 606 Email: dwatkins@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

Brighton Hill Community School offers a comprehensive Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance programme and an overview of this programme can be seen below. A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers:

| Year Group | Autumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
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| 7 | Year group/House assemblies Gatsby 8: Benchmark 3&5 Events Further & Higher Education Outreach Opportunities BHCS Values & My World Opportunities | Year group/House assemblies Further & Higher Education Outreach Opportunities BHCS Values & My World Opportunities | Year group/House assemblies Further & Higher Education Outreach Opportunities BHCS Values & My World Opportunities |
| 8 | Year group/House assemblies Gatsby 8: Benchmark 3&5 Events | Year group/House assemblies KS4 options event | Year group/House assemblies Career Deep Learning Day |



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| | BHCS Values & My World Opportunities Careers in the Curriculum Opportunities | BHCS Values & My World Opportunities Careers in the Curriculum Opportunities | BHCS Values & My World Opportunities Careers in the Curriculum Opportunities |
| 9 | Year group/House assemblies Events for University Technical Colleges, Training Providers BHCS Values & My World Opportunities Uni-connect outreach (focus on Skills Builder framework) Careers in the Curriculum Opportunities | Year group/House assemblies Events for University Technical Colleges. Training Providers BHCS Values & My World Opportunities Uni-connect outreach (focus on Skills Builder framework) Careers in the Curriculum Opportunities | Career Deep Learning Day Year group/House assemblies Events for University Technical Colleges. Training Providers BHCS Values & My World Opportunities Uni-connect outreach (focus on Skills Builder framework) Careers in the Curriculum Opportunities |
| 10 | Year group/House assemblies Uni-connect outreach (focus on Skills Builder framework) Gatsby 8: Benchmark 6 Experience of the work place opportunities | Year group/House assemblies Uni-connect outreach (focus on Skills Builder framework) Gatsby 8: Benchmark 6 Experience of the work place opportunities | Career Deep Learning Day Year group/House assemblies Uni-connect outreach (focus on Skills Builder framework) Post-16 evening Post-16 taster sessions |

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| 11 | Year group/House assemblies FE & HE Outreach Careers in the Curriculum Opportunities | Year group/House assemblies FE & HE Outreach Careers in the Curriculum Opportunities | |

In recent years examples of providers we have worked with include but are not limited to; Basingstoke College of Technology (BCoT), Queen Mary's College (QMC), Sparsholt College and Basingstoke ITEC. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the community hall, theatre, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available audio visual 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 the Pastoral Team. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature for student access in the school library. The library is available to all students at lunch and break times.

Virtual Opportunities

Our aim is to provide our students with face-to-face encounters but where this is not possible, we will not limit opportunities and therefore we welcome providers who are only able to offer virtual engagement both real time and pre-recorded. We are proud to partner with Pathway CTM giving all our students the opportunity to register for the comprehensive range of CEIAG tools offered. This is promoted to students via year group assemblies.



Safeguarding

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

Links to other policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

- Safeguarding policy
- Child protection policy
- Careers Policy

Monitoring arrangements

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students are monitored by Mr David Watkins, Deputy Headteacher. Should any provider wish to raise a complaint about provider access opportunities this can be done in the first instance by contacting David Watkins, Deputy Head (Careers Leader), Telephone: 01256 350 606 Email: dwatkins@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk. In the unlikely event a successful resolution is not achieved then the [school's complaints procedure](#) will be followed.

This policy will be reviewed by Mr David Watkins annually.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the governing board.

Approval and review

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(BHCS Board of Governors Chairperson)

