

Access Policy for Educational Providers



Fair Access Policy for Educational Providers wishing to give our pupils information about their offer.

Eggbuckland Community College

Policy: Fair Access Policy

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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to 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.

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

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school 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 pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

Meaningful provider encounters

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

Our Planned delivery

Every Friday all our students engage in a tutorial session which we call Future Fridays. At these sessions our students engage with guest speakers which include local providers, Universities, and a wide range of local employers. Each year group also participate in a specific career days and a wide range of trips visits and preparation days. More details of this provision can be found on the careers curriculum page on our website.

Detailed below are the providers that we have engaged with in the previous year. We have planned a similar provision for next year.

Previous providers:

Provider	Details
RAF	Sixth Form Induction – Team Building exercises plus careers and employability presentation; Post 16 Options evening
Babcock	Importance of a good CV & interview techniques workshop. Attended Post 16 Options evening to promote apprenticeship opportunities Neuro Diverse virtual work experience presentation
ASK – Apprenticeship Service & Knowledge Programme	Presentations on local and national apprenticeship opportunities, including training provider provision across Plymouth
BBC Share Your Story	Guest speakers promoting their career journeys including apprenticeship and university journeys
Launchpad Live	Career Event attended by students to promote apprenticeships, FE and HE institutions and employment opportunities
DWP	Student Mentoring & IAG on Post 16 options available to students
Next Steps South West – Uni-connect	Presentations on HE pathways including degree apprenticeships; Post 16 Options evening
City College Plymouth	Future Friday Assemblies promoting FE offer; junior academies and importance of skills for the future. Skills Development unit visit with SEN students
Arts University Plymouth	Future Friday Assemblies promoting FE offer; junior academies and importance of skills for the future

Duchy College	Future Friday Assemblies promoting FE & HE offer; importance of skills for the future. Foundation Learning visit
Skills Launchpad Plymouth – Health Sector	Future Friday assembly promoting opportunities within the healthcare sector
Building Plymouth – Construction Sector	ECC is an adopted school, presentations on the wealth of opportunities within the construction sector at apprenticeship and graduate level
Marjon University	Visit to institution and presentations to promote HE offer
Discovery College	Attendance at Post 16 Options evening to promote vocational offer
ATL	Attendance at Post 16 Options evening to promote vocational offer & apprenticeships
NHS – University Hospital Derriford	Presentations on pathways into NHS, plus careers carousel for Health & Social Care students; Post 16 Options evening
Livewell	Future Friday Assemblies & Mock Interviews
Focus Training	Work Experience Pilot & Mock Interviews
Persimmon Homes	Apprenticeship assembly & work experience project
Plymouth University	HE Outreach on pathways available; Sixth Form Conference
Obedair	Presentations on Apprenticeship & Graduate opportunities
Falmouth University	Campus visit plus Future Friday assembly
Wolferstans Solicitors	Routes into law career assembly
UWE	Campus visit looking at HE provision
GasJack	Routes into plumbing presentation for DT& engineering students
Tamar Bridge	Girls into Engineering opportunity
Royal Navy	Curriculum activity; Post 16 Options evening
Army	Curriculum activity; Post 16 Options evening

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:
45% moved onto Further Education or Other Sixth Form institutions both within and out of Plymouth, including City College Plymouth, Duchy College, Arts University Plymouth, UTC and others

☑ 11% secured an Apprenticeship

☑ 40% stayed on for Sixth Form at Eggbuckland Community College

Last year our year 13 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

43% moved onto Higher Education

14% moved onto Further Education

15% secured apprenticeships

15% moved straight into employment

4% Gap Year

Opportunities for access:

Although the College already offers above the six provider encounters required by law and several additional events, integrated into the school careers programme, we are really interested in hearing from other providers and employers. We are committed in offering impartiality and in providing our students with the best aspirational opportunities.

If you would like to add to our provision, we would welcome offers from other providers or employers. Please speak to our Careers Leader or Careers Coordinator on the contact details below.

We will always get back to you to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

- Careers Leader – Mr Stuart Pearce, Assistant Principal spearce@eggbuckland.com
- Careers Coordinator– Mrs Lynn Harris lharris@eggbuckland.com