

COURT FIELDS SCHOOL

CAREERS PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the Trust's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students within the Trust for the purposes of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the Trust's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Student Entitlement

Students 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 evenings, assemblies and group discussions, college open days 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 E Hutchinson, Careers Lead, Careers Advisor. Telephone: 01823 664201. Email ehutchinson@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Opportunities for access - We welcome visits from employers and all training providers

A number of events, integrated into the school's careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come in to speak to students and/or their parents. See Appendix 1 for details.

Please speak to our Careers Leaders to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. We are also happy to publicise events which will benefit our students and wider community. Please send information to the Careers Lead. We keep the careers pages of the website up-to-date with virtual events, broadcasts and other resources that students, parents and other interested parties might find useful.

The Trust's policy on safeguarding sets out the Trust's approach to allowing providers into the school to talk to our students. Online opportunities are also subject to this rigorous scrutiny.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or small 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 their team. In times of National Lockdown and other similar safety measures the school will organise virtual meetings through google meet, supervised by a member of the school staff.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the schools.

COURT FIELDS SCHOOL	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Assembly opportunity	Assembly opportunity	Assembly opportunity
	Outreach opportunity for employer and college visits	STEM activity day – STEM course leaders and STEM employers working with students on STEM activities EDF assembly – promoting opportunities arising from the construction and operation of Hinkley C.	Parents' Evening Explore Careers – regular lunch time event Outreach opportunity for employer and college visits
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Year 9	Assembly opportunity	Assembly opportunity	Assembly opportunity
	Parents evening	STEM activity day – STEM course leaders and STEM employers working with students on STEM	Explore Careers – regular lunch time event
	Outreach opportunity for college, university and employer visits	activities EDF assembly (as above)	Outreach opportunity for college, university and employer visits
		National Apprenticeship Week – National Apprenticeship Service / local training providers to provide input via assemblies / PSHE	
		Options evening	
		Explore Careers- regular lunch time event	
		Outreach opportunity for college, university and employer visits	
Year 10	Assembly opportunity	Assembly opportunity	Assembly opportunity
	Curriculum Open Evening	Parents evening	Work Experience week
	Outreach opportunity for college, university and employer visits	National Apprenticeship Week – National Apprenticeship Service / local training providers to provide input via assemblies / PSHE	Explore Careers – regular lunch time event Outreach opportunity for college, university and
		University visit	employer visits

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Year 11			
	Assembly opportunity	Assembly opportunity	National Citizen Service (NCS). Evening for parents and
	Parents evening	National Apprenticeship Week – National Apprenticeship Service /	students.
	Visit to Somerset Careers	local training providers to	Explore Careers – regular
	Fair	provide input via assemblies / PSHE	lunch time event
	Intervention Event – 1:1		
	interviews	National Apprenticeship Show visit	
	Outreach opportunity for		
	college, university and employer visits	Explore Careers - regular lunch time event	
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