

PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

Rationale

Careers education and guidance programmes play a major part in helping young people choose programmes that suit their interests, abilities and individual needs. A robust careers programme helps avoid disengagement, puts school learning into a wider and more relevant context, and helps raise aspirations.

The Biddenham International School programme will help our students to plan and manage their careers effectively, ensuring progression which is ambitious and aspirational. It will promote equality of opportunity, embrace diversity and challenge stereotypes. The policy will be guided by the Gatsby benchmarks and conform to statutory requirements.

Context

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

Student entitlement

All students in years 8-13 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.
- 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.
- 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 Cathy Eckett, Assistant Headteacher, on 01234 342521 or at cathy.eckett@biddenham.beds.sch.uk

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 students and/or their parents/carers:

Assemblies for all years run from 9.00 am until 9.25 am:

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| Monday | Sixth form |
| Tuesday | Year 11 |
| Wednesday | Year 9 |
| Thursday | Year 10 |
| Friday | Year 7&8 |

Autumn Term:

Year 9 Options Evening
Sixth Form Open Evening
Parental Engagement Day

Spring Term:

Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form Parents Evening

Summer Term:

Sixth Form Higher Education Evening
UCAS Fair - University of Bedfordshire

Please speak to Careers Leader, Cathy Eckett, to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting room 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.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Library, which is managed by our independent careers advisor. The Careers Library is available to all students at break and lunch times.

Date of Next Review: **October 2020**