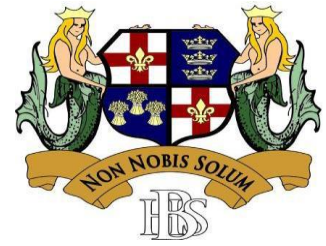


BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL



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Name of Policy: Provider Access Policy

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Signed Date

Mr P Hunn – Chair of Standards & Outcomes Committee

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 8-13 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.

Previous providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- Boston College
- Butlins – school's external Enterprise Adviser
- Bakkavor
- ASK Apprenticeships
- Tanglewood Care Homes

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- Other Sixth Form providers
- Boston College
- Lincoln College
- United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust
- White Gables Care Home

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

- Boston College
- Lincoln College

- Balfour Beatty
- Bakkavor
- Ringrose Law

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Careers Leader, Mr Michael Smith (Head of Enrichment and Careers), either by telephone or at michael.smith@bostonhighschool.co.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 pupils and/or their parents/carers:

Year Group	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
8	Exploring Pathways	Whole School Careers Fair	Be Real and World of Work
9	Making Informed Decisions	Whole School Careers Fair	LMI and Employability
10	Looking Ahead and Action Planning, Routes and pathways	Whole School Careers Fair	World of Work
11	Post-16 options, incl HE and Apprenticeships	Whole School Careers Fair	Moving Forward & Looking Ahead
12		Whole School Careers Fair	What Next?
13		Whole School Careers Fair	

Please speak to Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. Alternatively, assemblies can be arranged at a suitable time to both parties.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall or classrooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with Careers or a member of their team. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre.

NB: Changes in red are being implemented as per the latest legislation, but the updated policy is awaiting final approval due to mid-year legislation changes.