

Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form



BLYTHE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM

Provider Access Procedure 2024-2025

Approval and review Approved:

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Signed: Mr John Boumford Chair of Governors

Mrs R Johnson Headteacher of School

Introduction

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

Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form Student Entitlement

Pupil entitlement

Students in years 8-13 are entitled:

- To find out about technical educational qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities as part of a careers programme which provides information in the full range of education and training options available to them 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 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 ([Making it Meaningful: Benchmark 7 | CEC Resource Directory \(careersandenterprise.co.uk\)](https://careersandenterprise.co.uk/making-it-meaningful-benchmark-7)).

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:

- Buxton & Leek College
- Reaseheath College
- Stoke-on-Trent College

Destinations of our pupils

Year 11

Post 16 destination	Number of students	Percentage
Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form	70	43%
Stoke-on-Trent College	24	15%
Stoke Sixth Form College	17	10%
Newcastle College	29	18%
Reaseheath College	2	1%
Apprenticeships	5	3%
Employment	0	
Other post-16 establishments	16	10%

Year 13

Post 18 destination	Number of students	Percentage
Keele University	8	11%
Staffordshire University	11	15%
Various universities across the UK (not including Russell Group)	20	27%
Russell Group universities	4	5%
Employment	3	4%
Gap year	3	4%
Apprenticeships	5	7%
Currently seeking employment	3	4%
Unknown	14	19%
BBHS	3	4%

Management of Provider Access Requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Matthew Goodwin, Assistant Headteacher and Careers Leader, Tel: 01782 392519 Email: m.goodwin@bb-hs.co.uk

Resources can be sent to the following address:

Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form, Cheadle Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent, ST119PW

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 or their parents or carers:

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Year 8 Skills for the future	Careers assembly Drop down day – enterprise Citizenship – money management Overview of post 16 options for students and parents, to include: A levels, Applied General Qualifications (e.g., BTECs), technical/vocational qualifications, apprenticeships, traineeships and supported internships Event for University Technical Colleges	Citizenship – skills for the future STEM opportunities Employer event for students and parents Careers advice meeting	University visit Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers – delivered by Stoke-on-Trent College Careers advice meeting
Year 9 Careers for life (to support options)	Careers assembly Citizenship – careers for life Careers advice meeting Event for providers of technical education/ apprenticeships to include Further Education colleges, UTCs or Studio schools and training providers	Assembly and parent event focussing on options KS4 Options event Employer event for students and parents Careers advice meeting	Drop down day – employability skills workshops Out to work day Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers – delivered by Buxton & Leek College Careers advice meeting
Year 10 Employability and transferable skills	Careers assembly Careers advice meeting Work experience assembly and preparation event	Citizenship – employability and transferable skills Careers advice meeting	Work experience Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers – delivered by Reaseheath College Career interviews (NEET)
Year 11 Future pathway and careers appointments	Careers assembly Assembly focussing on post-16 pathways University and apprenticeship fair Careers conversations with SLT	Citizenship – future pathways and financial choices School careers fair (post-16 and post-18)	Confirmation of post 16 education destinations for all students

	Career interviews Post 16 application support	Assembly focussing on college and T-levels Career interviews Post 16 interviews	
Year 12 Developing skills for university, further education and successfully entering the world of work	Careers assembly University and apprenticeship fair Higher education speakers (universities, apprenticeships and finance) Post-18 assembly – higher and degree apprenticeships Meeting with careers advisor	Citizenship – employability and transferable skills Higher education speakers (universities, apprenticeships and finance) School careers fair (post-16 and post-18) Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options Meeting with careers advisor	Citizenship – future pathways and UCAS applications Higher education speakers (universities, apprenticeships and finance) Work experience Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options Meeting with careers advisor
Year 13 Developing skills for university, further education and successfully entering the world of work	Careers assembly Citizenship – careers for life Assembly focussing on post-18 pathways Higher education speakers (universities, apprenticeships and finance) University and apprenticeship fair Workshops – HE and higher apprenticeship applications Meeting with careers advisor	School careers fair (post-16 and post-18) Meeting with careers advisor	Confirmation of post 18 education destinations for all students

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available any 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.

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Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the school's main reception and the Careers Leader will ensure they are made available in our public careers space. The careers space is available to all pupils at lunch and break times.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk