

Abbey Hill Academy Sixth Form: 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 vocational 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 vocational education and apprenticeships – through options events, assemblies, group discussions and taster events;
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and vocational courses.
- All students will have at least two encounters, during the 'third key phase' with vocational providers including apprenticeships where appropriate. Due to the needs of the students, it is unlikely any would study T Levels following their course at Abbey Hill Sixth Form – however if a student was working at the level in the future full access to T Level providers would be instigated.

Management of provider access requests procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Steve Cropper Post 16 Vice-Principal Pastoral, Attendance and Well Being
Telephone: 01642 664140; Email: steve.cropper@horizonstrust.org.uk

If a provider wishes to raise a complaint then the procedure would be to contact:
Kathryn Thompson Principal email kathryn.thompson@horizonstrust.org.uk

Premises and Timetable

Access to providers will be considered and timetabled for the weekly careers lessons. The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private 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. The Sixth Form is able to accept live online encounters. Academy staff will be provided, where required, to support students and providers with any SEMH, Safeguarding and SEND issues. 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 in the life skills classroom. The life skills classroom is available to all students during unstructured times.

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 their parents or carers:

- Careers Fairs on a termly basis for both students and parents.
- Bespoke independent and supported work placements.
- Tertiary college visits and speakers.
- Close liaison with Opportunities (Independent Careers Advisors) with respect to applications to tertiary colleges or apprenticeships.
- Designated CEIAG Higher Level Teaching Assistant who supports transition to new providers and arranges taster sessions.
- CEIAG lunch time drop in sessions.
- Employability and Enterprise accreditation built into student learning pathways.
- Vocational focused options including Hair and Beauty, Catering and Horticulture

Providers previously invited into the Sixth Form

- Stockton Riverside College
- Bede College
- Middlesbrough College
- Askham Bryan College
- Skills Academy
- Stockton Sixth Form College
- Shaw Trust
- Daisy Chain – Specialist ASD Provision
- Thirteen Group
- Choices Academy – NHS Internship Provider
- Other Apprenticeship Providers
- Job Centre Plus
- Learning Curve
- Tees Valley Learning Provider Network
- Lingfield-Choosing Pathways

Student Destinations

Over the Past 5 Years students have attended the following provisions:

- Stockton Riverside College
- Middlesbrough College

- Askham Bryan College
- Bede Sixth Form
- Daisy Chain
- The Skills Academy
- Choices College
- Stockton 6th Form College
- The Shaw Trust
- Various Adult Social Care Placements