

Queen Elizabeth's School

Application for Provider Access (updated November 2024)

This document sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of training 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 7-13 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.

In addition to this, from January 2023:

Queen Elizabeth's will ensure that all students during the 'first key phase' (Year 8 or 9) have at least two, meaningful and mandatory encounters with the providers of technical education or apprenticeships (These may take place throughout Year 8 or between 1st September and 28th February in Year 9)

Queen Elizabeth's will ensure all students during the 'second key phase' (Year 10 and 11) have at least two meaningful and mandatory encounters with the providers of technical education or apprenticeships (These may take place throughout Year 10 or between 1st September and 28th February in Year 11).

Management of Provider Access Requests Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mrs Elisabeth McHugh: Telephone: 01363773401 Email: elisabeth.mchugh@qe.devon.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers a comprehensive Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance programme and an overview of this can be seen in the School's Career policy which can be seen on the school website.

Please speak to our Careers Lead, Elisabeth McHugh, to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

- The school will make a suitable space available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity and as fits in with the timetabled demands for each student. These encounters will be held in accordance with the school safeguarding policy for the protection of visitors and students. This is available on the school website.
- The school welcomes live, virtual opportunities and will endeavour to make these available to students.
- The school will also make available ICT and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Career Advisor or a member of their team - and in accordance with the school IT policy.
- Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Career Advisor so that they can be displayed in the Career Section of the school library and at other times and places which are appropriate and meaningful such as during parent evenings.

Please note that encounters between provider and students should include:

- Basic information about the provider, the approved technical qualifications or apprenticeships offered by the provider
- Information about the careers these qualifications might lead on to
- A resume of the learning/training provided
- Opportunities for students to ask and have answered any questions

Examples of Recent Encounters between providers and students at Queen Elizabeth's

- Work Encounters week for Year 10 students- July 2024
- Big Interview experience for Year 11 students- September 2024
- Queen Elizabeth's Sixth Form, Bicton College and Petroc College gave presentations to all Year 10 students (Summer Term 2024) regarding their colleges and courses: including technical and apprenticeships
- All students in Years 7-11 have a CareerPilot account
- The British Army ran several workshops with Year 9 and Year 10 students
- Empowering Girls Mentoring programme for Year 9 Girls
- External speakers from Business Information Point, Kier Construction, ASK Apprenticeships

Coming up:

- Year 11 students invited to attend the Aspire Conference (November 2024)

- Year 11 and Sixth form students to attend the National Apprenticeships Show (February 2025)
- Work Encounters/ Experience - Year 10 and Year 12 (Summer 2025)
- External speakers from a range of employers to talk about the career's opportunities on offer, qualifications needed and the application process.
- University visits
- Year 11 students to progress to Queen Elizabeth's Sixth form and those leaving Queen Elizabeth's to have progressed onto a wide variety of FE destinations and courses, including technical and vocational.

Destinations include:

Exeter College,

Maynard's School

Bicton College

Petroc College

Apprenticeships

Courses include:

A Levels

T Levels

Apprenticeships

BTEC

Any complaint by a provider should be addressed to: Elisabeth McHugh in the first instance (elisabeth.mchugh@qe.devon.sch.uk). The matter will then be discussed with the career line manager Mr Jack Fahy and a response issued.