

Provider Access Policy



Dorset
Studio School

LAND & ENVIRONMENT

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THE DORSET STUDIO SCHOOL

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 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 and the subsequent Provider Access Legislation 2023.

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.
- To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options events, conferences (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).

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

Dorset Studio School has previously visited and/or been visited by a significant number of providers/employers.

These include: Weymouth College, Kingston Maurward College, The Thomas Hardy School, University of Reading, Skern Training & Skills, a range of Veterinary Practices, Animal Welfare Rescue Centres, Livestock & Arable Farmers, Knighton Countryside Management (ecology and conservation professional services), Equestrian Sector Organisations, Agricultural Engineers main dealerships (eg C&O Tractor, MJ Fry, Redlynch Tractors, Highwood, Forest Hunt, Dorset Wildlife Trust, Dorset County Countryside Rangers Service, The Watercross Company, Dorset County Show, Dorset Trading Standards (Animal Health Department), CG Fry Builders, Trinity Street Christmas Tree Plantations.

Student Destinations

Last year (2022 leavers) our Year 11 students moved to a range of providers in the local area after school:

39 students joined Specialist Land Based Colleges

12 students joined General Further Education Colleges

2 students gained Apprenticeships

4 students gained places at School Sixth Forms/Sixth Form Colleges

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact David Humphreys, Head of Careers.

Telephone: 01305 443600 Email: david.humphreys@dorsetstudioschool.co.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text below) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers.

Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
7	<p>Employability Skills – Conference, tutor group opportunities, employer visits/workshops.</p> <p>Personal Development Lessons</p> <p>Apprenticeship/Post-16 Display</p> <p>Skill Builders - Identification</p> <p>Dorset County Winter Show – Student Ambassador</p>	<p>Employability Skills – Conference, tutor group opportunities, employer visits/workshops</p> <p>Personal Development Lessons</p> <p>Register on the Careerpilot website</p> <p>Know where to find out information about jobs and careers</p> <p>Skill Builders - Development</p>	<p>Be able to use Labour Market Intelligence (LMI) to predict which jobs will grow / decline in the future</p> <p>Be able to explain the term 'green careers'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know where to research information on job sectors and roles <p>Start to think about the type of jobs that they would like to do in the future & how to make decisions</p> <p>Dorset County Summer Show – Student Ambassador</p>
8	<p>Employability Skills – Conference, tutor group opportunities, employer visits/workshops.</p> <p>Personal Development Lessons</p> <p>Apprenticeship/Post-16 Display</p> <p>Labour Market Information</p> <p>Dorset County Winter Show – Student Ambassador</p>	<p>Employability Skills – Conference, tutor group opportunities, employer visits/workshops</p> <p>Personal Development Lessons</p> <p>Apprenticeship/Post-16 Display</p> <p>National Careers Week</p> <p>Skills Building</p>	<p>Employability Skills – Conference, tutor group opportunities, employer visits/workshops</p> <p>Personal Development Lessons</p> <p>Apprenticeship/Post-16 Display</p> <p>Dorset Careers Fair</p> <p>Dorset County Summer Show – Student Ambassador</p>
9	<p>Employability Skills – Conference, tutor group opportunities, employer visits/workshops.</p> <p>Personal Development Lessons</p> <p>Apprenticeship/Post-16 Display</p> <p>Introduction to growth mindset – developing the skills and attitudes needed for work and life</p> <p>Dorset County Winter Show – Student Ambassador</p>	<p>Employability Skills – Conference, tutor group opportunities, employer visits/workshops</p> <p>Personal Development Lessons</p> <p>Apprenticeship/Post-16 Display</p> <p>KS4 Parent/Carer/Teacher consultations</p> <p>College and Apprenticeship Provider to give presentations.</p> <p>National Careers Week</p>	<p>Employability Skills – Conference, tutor group opportunities, employer visits/workshops</p> <p>Personal Development Lessons</p> <p>Apprenticeship/Post-16 Display</p> <p>Enterprise Day event</p> <p>Dorset County Summer Show – Student Ambassador</p>
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10	<p>Careers Lessons/Conferences</p> <p>Employability Skills – Conference, tutor group opportunities, employer visits/workshops.</p> <p>Skills Scan – Students describe their personal strengths and weaknesses relating to their technical and academic skills, qualities and characteristics required for work and life.</p> <p>West Dorset Careers Fair (every 2 years. Next 2024)</p> <p>Meetings with Careers Advisor</p> <p>Dorset County Winter Show – Student Ambassador</p> <p>X16 Employer Engagement Careers Workshops</p>	<p>Careers Lessons/Conferences</p> <p>Apprenticeship/Post-16 Display</p> <p>National Careers Week</p> <p>Meetings with Careers Advisor</p> <p>Introduce CareerPilot Pathway Planner</p> <p>Career Planning: SMART goal setting - Students are able to set some SMART targets with respect to careers decisions and goals.</p> <p>Year 11 Work Placement Job search.</p> <p>CV and Covering letter produced for “World of Work Day” mock interviews (conducted by Casterbridge Rotary Club)</p>	<p>Careers Lessons/Conferences</p> <p>Apprenticeship/Post-16 Display</p> <p>Careers College Trip with Weymouth College</p> <p>Post-16 Taster Day</p> <p>Meetings with Careers Advisor</p> <p>Dorset County Summer Show – Student Ambassador</p> <p>Work of Work Day</p> <p>X1 week induction for year 11 work placement.</p>
<p>Study Visits to employer businesses allow students to explore different career routes within a range of land based sectors.</p> <p>2 hour weekly programme of work experience completed on the Kingston Maurward Estate, providing tasters of a range of land based sector enterprises and developing employability/life skills.</p>			
11	<p>Careers Lessons</p> <p>Employability Skills – Conference, tutor group opportunities, employer visits/workshops.</p> <p>Post 16 and 18 Pathways – understand the range of options available at the end of year 11.</p> <p>Students will discover the most appropriate options for them and how to initiate applications</p> <p>Post 16 Evening with General Further Education College</p> <p>West Dorset Careers Fair (every 2 years. Next 2024)</p> <p>X16 Employer Engagement Careers Workshops Fair</p> <p>Meetings with Careers Advisor</p>	<p>Careers Lessons/ Conferences</p> <p>Post-16 Pathway Options Display Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational T level Full Time Qualifications • Apprenticeship Training • A levels • Work with Training <p>National Apprenticeship Show</p> <p>Post 16 Interviews</p> <p>National Careers Week</p> <p>Meetings with Careers Advisor</p>	<p>Careers Lessons and Conferences</p> <p>Attend Kingston Maurward STEM Careers Fair.</p> <p>Apprenticeship/Post-16 Display</p> <p>Confirmation of post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils</p> <p>Meetings with Careers Advisor</p>
<p>Study Visits to employer businesses allow students to explore different career routes within a range of land based sectors.</p> <p>X1 Day, weekly programme of work experience completed on at an employer’s work placement, developing a range of technical and employability/life skills.</p>			

The school policy on safeguarding <https://dorsetstudioschool.co.uk/safeguarding/policies-kcsie-2022/> sets out the school’s approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

Premises and facilities

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. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Head of Careers or a member of their team.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature for distribution. All areas are available to students at break and lunchtimes, with conference areas available by prior arrangement.

Complaints

If providers wish to make a complaint about a lack of access they should contact Mr Paul Green, Principal paul.green@dorsetstudioschool.co.uk or 01305 443600. Alternatively, with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

Approval and review

Approved [date] by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee / SLT

Next review: January 2023

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