



Application for Provider Access

(Jan 2024)

Introduction

This document sets out the School's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at CFS 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 and relates to the provider access legislation of January 2018, and further guidance of January 2023.

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in Years 7-11 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).

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:

1. Share information about the provider and the approved technical education qualification and apprenticeships that the provider offers
2. Explain what career routes those options could lead to
3. 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)
4. Answer questions from pupils

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting or 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 and years, we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- Local Colleges (Chichester College & South Downs)
- University of Chichester
- All other local Post-16 providers invited: Bishop Luffa School, St Philip Howard, Felpham CC, The Regis have attended our 'Futures Fair' with Year 11.
- Apprenticeship providers: Rolls Royce, Q Hair and John Lewis

Destinations of our pupils

(at the point of leaving CFS prior to GCSE results being awarded)

On leaving CFS	21/22	22/23	Pre 23/24
% studying A Levels (A Level, T Level, L3)	49%	37%	36%
% studying Level 3 standard	58%	51%	62%
% Level 1-3 Vocational Course	48%	55%	51%
T Levels	2%	3%	9%
Apprenticeships	1%	5%	4%
College destination	77%	79%	72%
Post-16 Sixth Form school setting	23%	18%	28%

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Assistant Head, (Secondary) All Through Pupil Development

Telephone: 01243 792690

Email: rangell@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the four provider encounters required by law 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. CFS offers a comprehensive Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance programme and an overview of this can be seen in the school's Careers Education & Guidance policy, on the website.

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

Specific opportunities where 'meaningful provider encounters' are evident

Year	Cohort	Term	Event
Year 8	Part	Autumn	STEM event at Chichester College
	All	Spring	'Get Inspired Portsmouth' through EBP
	All	Summer	Apprenticeship and Work assembly with Rolls Royce (and other providers)
	All	Summer	College & University visits
Year 9	All	Spring	'Dare 2 Dream' programme and RR Mentoring
	All	Summer	Apprenticeship, College & University assemblies/workshops

Year 10	All	Ongoing	Independent 1-1 Career guidance session with external advisor
	All	Summer	Apprenticeships & National Database Round Robin workshop
Year 11	All	Ongoing	Independent 1-1 Career guidance session with external advisor
	All	Autumn	'Futures Fair' with Post-16 providers and apprenticeship pathways
	Part	Spring	'Ahead of the Game' programme – WSCC Careers Hub