

# Provider Access Legislation

## **Plymstock School Provider Access Policy**

### **Introduction**

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

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. 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:

Each year we host a large school's Careers fair. This has grown from a few providers when we first started this process in 2016 to nearly over 30 businesses, organisation's and colleges attending in November 2022. This year we invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils. These included:

<p><b>Greenlight Training</b></p> <p>With over 12 years' experience in the construction industry, Greenlight Training specialises in delivering construction Apprenticeships. We work closely with key employers across the West and the South West of England, helping you get the greenlight on your career.</p>	
<p><b>Babcock International</b></p> <p>As UK's leading engineering support services organisation, Babcock regularly recruits apprentices across all of its divisions within the UK including; Pipe Fitters, Fabricators, Mechanical Fitters, Electrical fitters, Project Engineers and Business Administration.</p>	
<p><b>Bluescreen IT</b></p> <p>BluescreenIT, based in Plymouth, think outside of the box, with an experienced team ranging from cyber professionals to ex UK special forces back ground they have years of experience working within Commercial, Manufacturing, Financial, MoD, international, transport and many other industries. Interested in IT? The Bluescreen apprenticeships offered are: Infrastructure Technician, Network Engineer, Cyber Intrusion Analyst, and Cyber Security Technologist. IT Traineeships are also available.</p>	
<p><b>Wolferstans Solicitors</b></p> <p>Wolferstans is a major Plymouth law firm with a history going back to 1812. Based in North Hill, with satellite offices in Plympton and Plymstock, they provide a wide range of legal services to meet the needs of individuals, families, SME's, public sector and voluntary organisations based throughout Devon and Cornwall.</p>	
<p><b>City College Plymouth</b></p> <p>CCP have been helping students to get the skills and qualifications they need since 1887, they are now one of the leading providers of vocational, professional and technical training in the South West. They can offer you: 100s of courses to choose from, hands-on experience, great facilities, from the multi-million-pound Regional Centre of Excellence for STEM, to a day spa and restaurant. City College Plymouth have courses available in everything from hospitality and catering, to performing arts, as well as Apprenticeship opportunities.</p>	
<p><b>The Cornwall College Group: Duchy College/ Cornwall College/Falmouth Marine School/Bicton College</b></p> <p>Supporting over 35,000 learners every year on a range of pathways, from A-levels and diplomas for school leavers, the widest range of apprenticeships for all ages, practical skills training and professional qualifications. There are eight campuses within the Cornwall College group, from Falmouth Marine School specialising in Boatbuilding, Leisure, Water sports and Marine Biology to the Stoke Climsland Campus with its great land based activities including Animal Management.</p>	

### Exeter College

Exeter College is an award-winning, world class college. They are Devon's only Ofsted Outstanding further education college. Their vision is to shape the future by delivering excellence to realise the ambitions of the learners, city and region.



This year was a strong year for their academic results. They had record progression to high tariff universities.

They were also named best in the South West for employer satisfaction in Apprenticeships. As an organisation, nationally they are in the Sunday Times Top 100 Not for Profit Employer list.

### Focus Training

**The Focus Training Group** is a group of branded businesses owned by Focus Training (SW) Limited. They deliver apprenticeships in Retail, Hospitality, Electrical installations, Business Administration, Management and Customer Service.



### Arts University Plymouth

AUP is an independent art school based in the centre of the city offering extended diplomas, BA degrees, masters and more in art, design and digital subjects. AUP continues to invest heavily in new studios and workshops that redefine the relationship between media, fine art, digital technology and handcrafted traditions.



### dBs Institute of Sound and Digital Technologies

Situated right in the heart of Plymouth, the centre is within walking distance of the thriving commercial and the beautiful Plymouth coastline of the historic Barbican and Hoe Foreshore.



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Already in a buzzing student town, the Plymouth centre is the original dBs Campus and as you can imagine, over the years has built up an impressive kit list of pro-audio equipment from the world's leading manufacturers. There are 7 recording studios, 7 DJ suites, 150 iMacs loaded with Ableton Live, Pro Tools, Logic Pro and Native Instruments software that is constantly being expanded and updated. Students also have access to a massive array of bookable microphones, analogue and modular synths, keyboards, effects, and production equipment including our flagship Neve Genesis mix console.

### Scott College





The Medical College. They work closely with Plymouth University's new Faculty of Health, Medicine, Dentistry and Human Sciences to deliver the best qualifications for students wishing to follow careers in Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Healthcare, Midwifery, Physiotherapy, Allied Health and many more. Students wishing to become medics/ dentists have an extensive mock interview programme, undergraduate medic mentors and guidance as to the application and UCAT entry exam process.



### Plymouth University

Founded in 1862 as the School of Navigation, Plymouth University is now the UK's 15th largest university and with around 27,000 students studying a variety of courses from fine art to physiotherapy, business to biology, and design to dentistry. Want to know more about student life, fees, courses available or accommodation go and see them today.



<p><b>Theatre Royal</b></p> <p>Theatre Royal, Plymouth, is a theatre venue in Plymouth, Devon. It consists of a 1,300-seat main auditorium, The Lyric, which regularly hosts large-scale musicals, opera and ballet; a 200-seat studio, The Drum; and a 50-seat studio, The Lab. On a separate site, Theatre Royal Plymouth also has a production and learning centre, TR2, featuring rehearsal studios and workshops for the production of set and costumes.</p> <p>The theatre is a National Portfolio Organisation, receiving regular funding from Arts Council England. They offer training and work experience for students interested in the performing arts/media/ design sector.</p> 
<p><b>YGS Landscape</b></p> <p>From first sketch to final bloom, YGS Landscapes have planned, designed, installed and maintained corporate, commercial and residential spaces in the South West since 1973. They offer apprenticeships in landscaping and horticulture.</p> 
<p><b>Skills Group</b></p> <p>Skills Group specialises in training. With about 25 years' experience in delivering apprenticeships and career development programmes across the South West. Skills Group have Career Development and Apprenticeships available in: Business Administration &amp; Management, Care &amp; Early Years, Construction, Engineering &amp; Automotive, Sport &amp; Leisure and Teaching &amp; Education. They also deliver pre-apprenticeship training with their 'learn2work programme', which helps to prepare young people for employment in their chosen industry, and specialist short courses.</p> 
<p><b>Next Steps South West</b></p> <p>Next Steps South West (NSSW) is a collaborative project, funded by UniConnect, across Devon, Cornwall and Somerset and comprises 14 Higher Education Institution partners.</p> <p>The project's objective is to engage with young people and adults from identified target postcodes where research indicates that there are high percentages of young people with the ability to progress into higher education, but low numbers of people taking up the opportunity.</p> 

### Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- 37.9% moved to College (City College Plymouth, Duchy College, Arts University, or Scott College for example)
- 14.5% secured an Apprenticeship
- 44.1% stayed on for Sixth Form at Plymstock School and 1.9% chose another Sixth Form

Last year our year 13 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- HM Land Registry, Plymouth City Council Mark Holt & Co, MOD, Babcock, pursuing cyber security, accounting and finance, a range of engineering disciplines (aerospace, nuclear, mechanical).

Students accepted university offers for a wide range of universities both local providers (Plymouth and Marjons) and others across the country ranging from Sheffield, Kent, Loughborough, Birmingham, Nottingham, Manchester, Chester, Bristol, UWE, Exeter, Cardiff, Southampton and Surrey. Subjects pursued included mathematics, biological sciences, veterinary medicine, biochemistry, law, criminology, psychology and computer science.

#### **Management of provider access requests procedure:**

A provider wishing to request access should contact the following at Plymstock School:

#### **Staff Roles & Responsibilities:**

- Careers Leader – Mr Mark A Taylor Assistant Head Teacher [mataylor@plymstockschool.org.uk](mailto:mataylor@plymstockschool.org.uk)
- Careers Coordinator and Advisor – Miss Alicia Le Guefflec [aleguefflec@plymstockschool.org.uk](mailto:aleguefflec@plymstockschool.org.uk)
- Assistant Head of Sixth Form Post 16 Guidance – Mrs R Littler [rlittler@plymstockschool.org.uk](mailto:rlittler@plymstockschool.org.uk)

#### **Opportunities for access**

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text) 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 when this is deemed appropriate.

Please speak to our Careers Leader, Careers Coordinator or Assistant Head of Sixth Form (Post-16 Guidance) to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.