

Policy statement on provider access for Blackpool Sixth

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the college's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the college for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the college's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Student entitlement

All students in Foundation Programme, Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth 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.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Deborah Hodson, Head of Learning Resources and Careers,

Telephone: 01253 394911

Email: debbi.hodson@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk

or

Sian Roberts

Careers Advisor and Enterprise Officer

Telephone: 01253 394911

Email: sian.roberts@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the college's careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into college to speak to students and/or their parents/carers:

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Foundation Programme	1:1 career meetings - with our level 6 qualified Careers Advisors	Mock interviews - with external employers from an array of sector backgrounds	Variety of work skills workshops including CV writing, developing work competencies and positive attitude
Lower Sixth	Progress review days - Talks and information from Higher Education institutes, providers of Apprenticeships and local employers	Careers marketplace event - an opportunity to work with fellow students and local employers to develop work competencies	Programme of information talks - 'Next steps after college'
Upper Sixth	Progress review days - Talks and information	Building Futures Evening with careers	Programme of information talks -

	from Higher Education institutes, providers of Apprenticeships and local employers Mock interviews	fair	'Next steps after college'
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Please speak to our Careers Leader (Debbi Hodson) and/or our careers team (Futures) to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The college will make the theatre, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The college 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 Careers Leader or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Learning Resource Centre, which is managed by the the Head of Learning Resources and Careers.

The Learning Resource Centre is available to all students from 08:00 until 17:30 during term time.

Approval and review

Approved [date] by Directors of Blackpool Sixth

Next review: [date]

Signed: [name] Chair of Directors Body

[name] Principal