

The Corsham School: Provider Access Policy

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

The Corsham School uses the Gatsby Benchmarks and the Department for Education's statutory guidance: Careers guidance and access for education and training providers – January 2023 to support the development of our careers programme. As part of our commitment to informing our students of the full range of learning and training pathways on offer to them, we are happy to consider requests from training, apprenticeship and vocational education providers to speak to students. We aim to build relationships with these partners to ensure that they have multiple opportunities to speak to students and their parents across years 7 to 13, to offer information on vocational, technical and apprenticeship qualifications and pathways.

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 7-13 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship 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 the Careers Leader, Ms Eva Jefferies:

Telephone: 01249 713284; Email: ejjefferies@corsham.wilts.sch.uk

To request access to attend an event such as the University and Apprenticeship fair, or Careers Fair please contact Mrs L Wheeler, Community Liaison Officer via [Email](#) or 01249 713284.

All requests will be considered on the basis of; staffing availability to support the activity, clashes with other planned activity, trips or visits to the school, interruption to preparation for examinations or rooming and space availability to host the activity.

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated in to the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers:

Careers Delivery Overview:

All students:

- Are invited to the University and Apprenticeships Fair – after school event.
- Have access to independent advice and guidance from Careers Advisor (Drop-in, or via appointment).

Year group	Activities
Year 7	<p>Term 6: 3 careers lessons in term 6, focusing on career aspirations, breaking barriers and dealing with stereotypes.</p> <p>All students visit the Careers Fair</p> <p>By invitation: ‘Women into engineering’ with Avon Rubber</p> <p>‘What would you like to be when you’re older’ – writing competition</p>
Year 8	<p>Term 6: Enterprise challenge through PSHE curriculum</p> <p>Workplace experience through local businesses including details of apprenticeships</p>
Year 9	<p>Term 1&2: 7 PSHE Ed lessons dedicated to making option choices, skills and qualities needed for the work place, post 16 pathways, employability skills.</p> <p>Consideration of options – tutor time sessions</p> <p>STEM day - interactive activities with all year 9 students</p> <p>Opportunity: Term 1 - a visit to Siemens Engineering for a STEM event</p> <p>Bronze Duke of Edinburgh</p> <p>By invitation: Bath ASU visit</p>
Year 10	<p>Term 2: CV writing</p> <p>Term 5: World of Work delivered through tutor programme covering finance, CV writing, covering letters, interview skills, career pathways, employability skills</p> <p>Term 6: Employability week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers fair • Mock interviews & feedback from employers <p>Opportunity: Term 4 - STEM event for girls only run by Wiltshire College</p>

Year 11	<p>Term 1 & 2: Visiting speakers from local college providers</p> <p>Introduction to 6th form provision 6th form taster day</p> <p>Term 3: guest speakers representing a range of career options and external businesses</p> <p>Sociology GCSE Term 3-4 social stratification -barriers facing people in the job market, barriers to social mobility</p>
Year 12	<p>Core Programme</p> <p>Delivered by Head of Sixth and deputy head of Sixth. Gap Year. Futures. Employment. University. Oxbridge Seminars. Russell Group seminars. Apprenticeship seminars</p> <p>Visiting speakers from universities referencing choosing courses, writing personal statements. Speakers from the National Apprenticeship.</p> <p>UCAS and Apprenticeship evening for parents representing a range of universities, apprenticeship schemes and further education providers.</p> <p>Work experience and volunteering opportunities.</p>
Year 13	<p>Core Programme</p> <p>Tailored and personalised follow up to Year 12 programme and student voice</p> <p>Visiting speakers from universities referencing choosing courses, writing personal statements. Speakers from the National Apprenticeship Service</p> <p>Year 13 Futures evening for parents</p> <p>Work experience and volunteering opportunities.</p>

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

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 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 Careers Office to be displayed in the school library. The library is available to all students at break and lunch times.