

THE BISHOP'S STORTFORD HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS EDUCATION INFORMATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE POLICY

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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 The Education (Careers Guidance in Schools) Act September 2022

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 7-13 are entitled:

• to independent careers guidance

All pupils in year 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 T levels, 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.

All students will have multiple opportunities to learn about the work, employment and the skills that are valued in the workplace. Students will have access to at least six encounters between 7 and 13 and this will typically be as designated below:

- One encounter for pupils in Year 7
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (Year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend.
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (Year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend.
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'third key phase' (Year 12 or 13) that are mandatory for the school to put on, but optional for pupils to attend.

Management of Provider Access Requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact: **Years 7-11** Claire Jonas, Careers Lead Tel: 01279 868686

Email: claire.jonas@tbshs.org

Years 12-13 Fiona Price, 6th Form Tel: 01279 868686

Email: fiona.price@tbshs.org

Opportunities for access

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

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

Premises and facilities

Providers should use the opportunities available to them through the school's existing calendar to present to

students. Beyond these opportunities, the school will, as far as possible, accommodate any requests made for careers presentations. When facilitating discussions between external providers and our students, pre-existing bookings of our community facilities will take priority when requesting access to the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms - as appropriate to the activity. The school will, again where possible, 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 Leaders or a member of their team. *NB Where necessary, and if outside school hours, there may be a charge for the use of the facilities.*

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.

Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance Policy

Rationale for Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

Careers Education, Information Advice and Guidance makes a major contribution to preparing young people for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life, in order to help them make a successful transition to adulthood and a place of work, It:

- Makes a major contribution to preparing students for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life
- Supports and inspires young people to achieve their full potential, raising aspirations
- Empowers young people to plan and manage their own futures
- Availability of information is a key determinant of career choice which highlights the importance of providing comprehensive information on all options
- Promotes equality, diversity, social mobility and challenges stereotypes
- Supports young people to sustain employability and achieve personal and economic wellbeing throughout their lives

Purpose

The Bishop's Stortford High School is committed to career learning and development and it intends to fulfil its statutory obligations. It supports the school's overall vision and is linked to the School Development Plan. Governors and senior leaders have a key role in developing and approving the policy and this process ensures a high profile and a secure place for CEIAG within the school curriculum.

The Bishop's Stortford High School is committed to preparing students to manage their future education and career path throughout adult life through a planned programme of CEIAG throughout their school career. It will maximise the benefits for students by using a whole school approach involving parents / carers, external IAG providers, employers and other local agencies, emphasising the importance of providing young people with real-life contacts and experiences from the world of work.

The school recognises its statutory duties to secure independent, impartial face to face careers guidance for pupils in years 7 to 13 that includes information on the full range of education and training options, including apprenticeships, technical and vocational pathways and will ensure that all students have equity of access to impartial careers advice and guidance.

Commitment

The School is committed to providing all its students with a planned programme of careers education activities throughout their school career, with opportunities at key transition points to access impartial information and expert advice and guidance.

It is also committed to maximise the benefits for students by using a whole school approach involving parents, carers, external IAG providers, employers and other local agencies.

Management

This area is supported by the Governors Curriculum and Student Progress Sub-committee. An Assistant Headteacher has strategic responsibility at SLT level for "Student Futures", Mrs Claire Jonas is Careers Lead. She has oversight of the CEIAG programme, and plans and implements the Work Experience.

The leadership will ensure staff who deliver CEIAG have access to relevant training.

The leadership and CEIAG Coordinator will review and evaluate the provision with all stakeholders including young-people .

Curriculum Provision

The school uses the Gatsby Benchmarks to aid development of the careers programme. There is a planned programme of learning experiences with learning outcomes for Year 7 to Year 13, which enable young people to:

- Develop themselves through career and work-related education
- Learn about careers and the world of work
- Develop career management and employability skills

The delivery of these outcomes is through a range of agencies both inside and outside school.

For an overview of the annual programme of events, see appendix A.

Personal Provision

Elements of the above will require access to individual information advice and guidance through:

- internal staff, external visitors and mentors
- external sources using email, telephone, web chat and forums via websites, the National Careers Service and specialist face to face careers guidance

We will provide additional access to face-to-face careers guidance for our vulnerable students as defined by the school's governing body and identified through internal assessment systems and in liaison with pastoral teams.

Resources

The School will provide resources for the successful implementation of this policy through securing:

- An annual budget to cover internal needs, CPD opportunities and commissioning of external sources, such as a Careers Guidance Adviser
- Adequate staffing
- Student, staff and parental access to information on request and electronically
- Designated space for individual, group and research sessions

The CEIAG Coordinator is responsible for the effective deployment of resources, which is monitored by the Head of Careers. The Careers Resource Centre is updated annually via the addition or replacement of College Prospectuses, Apprentice opportunities and books, software, pamphlets and posters.

ICT facilities are available in the library, and in teaching rooms. This enables students to access the available software and interactive websites. These facilities provide opportunities for research into education, training and employment.

Engagement with Parents and Carers

The careers coordinator provides information concerning current careers opportunities for students on the weekly parent bulletin and on the termly Mitre publication. There is also a fortnightly Post-18 Bulletin that is tailored to our Sixth Form students, Social media is used to remind parents and students of up-coming events and deadlines for specific opportunities.

Parents are invited into school for information evenings when some specific events are being planned. (eg Year 10 Work experience information evening, GCSE Options Evening, Post-18 Evening)

Parents are invited to attend our bi-annual careers fair with their children

Partnerships

The policy recognises the range of partners that support the CEIAG offer within our school. These include:

- formal arrangements with our external provider of work experience placements and others
- liaison with post 16 providers and higher education institutions
- employers and training providers
- parents and carers
- others specific to our school

The Service level agreements with external providers are discussed annually in the context of budgetary constraints. Alternative providers are considered with reference to levels of service and cost. This involves the Headteacher, SLT Link, Director of Finance, Head of Careers.

Monitoring, Review and Evaluation

CEIAG forms part of whole school stakeholder reviews (these include, students, parents, staff) that take place biannually, and conducted by an external agency. In addition, monitoring of impact and effectiveness of the various elements of the programme is carried using online surveys, (e.g Work experience) and feedback forms (e.g. Careers forum).

The school uses the Gatsby Benchmarks to quality assure provision. (See Appendix A)

Approvals and review

This policy is reviewed biannually in discussion with Governor link and via the Governor Curriculum and Student Progress Committee, staff and external partners and key priorities for action are identified and included in the school improvement plan.

Appendix A

The Eight Gatsby benchmarks of Good Career Guidance

- **1.** A stable careers programme
- **2.** Learning from career and labour market information
- **3.** Addressing the needs of each pupil
- **4.** Linking curriculum learning to careers
- **5.** Encounters with employers and employees
- **6.** Experiences of workplaces
- **7.** Encounters with further and higher education
- **8.** Personal guidance

The Bishop's Stortford High School CEIAG Overview 2022-23

This Overview covers Gatsby Benchmark 1

A Stable Careers Programme

Year group	Services	When activity	Gatsby
		takes place	Benchmark
All Years	Parent Bulletin detailing career opportunities, vacancies, exhibitions, festivals, open events, masterclasses, research suggestions, work experience, competitions and careers news	Weekly	2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
Year 7	Biweekly mentoring during form time with Tutors	Ongoing throughout year	3, 8
	Assembly Presentation Careers & Opportunities Employer Visit	March	2, 3, 4, 5
	National Careers Week Potential Careers - Quiz with Tutors	March	2, 3, 4, 8
	Workshops Introduction to Careers	Summer Term	2, 3, 4, 7, 8

	Bushcraft Residential	June	3, 4
	Teambuilding & Personal Development		
Year 8	Year Group	February	3, 4, 8
	Options for Foundation Year		
	Assembly Presentation	March	2, 3, 4, 5
	Careers & Opportunities Employer Visit		
	National Careers Week	March	2, 3, 4, 8
	Potential Careers - Quiz with Tutors		
	Regular Mentoring meetings during form time with Tutors	Ongoing throughout year	3, 8
	Group Work –	Spring Term	2, 3, 4, 8
	Team Skills & Equal Opportunities with Tutors		
	One to one guidance interviews preparing for	March	3, 8
	Foundation Year 9 Tutors		
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	Carousel Careers Session For Year Group	June	2, 3, 5, 8
	My Personal Skills Journey Booklet - to help identify personal strengths & weaknesses	Summer Term	2, 3, 4
Year 9	Assembly Presentation Employer Visit	March	2, 3, 4, 5
	National Careers Week Potential Careers - Quiz with Tutors	March	2, 3, 4, 8
	Assembly Presentation Personal Finance - Employer Visit	May	2, 3, 4, 5
	Lunchtime Careers Workshop with Guest Speaker	Ongoing	2, 3, 4, 5
	Years 9-13 Careers Forum for students & Parents/Carers Broad spectrum of industry sectors represented by 60+	Biennial Next Forum: October 2023	2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8
	Employer/Apprenticeship Recruiters Higher & Further Educators		

ar 10	Work Experience	November	2, 3, 4, 5
	Information Evening		
	Group Work - Work Experience assemblies	January – June	2, 3, 4, 5, 8
	& Tutors in tutor time		
	Future Employment Market Herts Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	January	2, 4, 5
	Assembly Presentation	March	2, 3, 4, 5
	Careers Employer Visit		
	National Careers Week	March	2, 3, 4, 8
	Potential Careers - Quiz with Tutors		
	One to one guidance interviews	Summer Term	3, 8
	on Pathways & Careers – Careers Advisor		
	Oxbridge Scholars Group	Summer	2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8
	Monthly Information & Mentoring sessions		
	One Week Block	June	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Work Experience		

	Group Work- Work Experience	June	2, 4, 8
ı	De-brief & Evaluation		
	Work Permits for school aged children	June	5
ı	Martin Cooke Herts County Council		
	Lunchtime Careers Workshop with Guest Speaker	Ongoing	2, 3, 4, 5
	Years 9-13 Careers Forum for students & Parents/Carers	Biennial	2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8
,	Broad spectrum of industry sectors represented by 60+	Next Forum: October 2023	
	Employer/Apprenticeship Recruiters		
	Higher & Further Educators		

Year 11	One to one guidance interviews on	Ongoing all year	3, 8
	Pathways & Careers with SLT		
	Oxbridge Scholars	September-Spring	2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8
	Monthly Information & Mentoring sessions		
	Year 11 Scholars Trip to	September	2, 3, 7
	Gonville & Caius College , Cambridge		

Assembly Presentations	October-January	2, 3, 4, 7
Stansted Airport College – Courses & Pathways		
Harlow College		
Cambridge Regional College		
Years 9-13 Careers Forum for students & Parents/Carers	Biennial	2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8
Broad spectrum of industry sectors represented by 60+	Next Forum: October 2023	
Employer/Apprenticeship Recruiters		
Higher & Further Educators		
Assembly Presentation	November	2, 3, 4, 7
Overview of Apprenticeships Education & Employers		
Assembly Presentation	November	3, 4, 5,
Personal Finance & Tax: Barclays		
Assembly Presentation	January	2, 3, 4,
Future Employment Market		
Herts Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)		

	Assembly Presentation	January	2, 3, 4, 7
	University of Hertfordshire		
	National Careers Week	March	2, 3, 4, 8
	Potential Careers - Quiz with Tutors		
	Uni Frog - on-line tool for research into	March	3, 7
	Uni courses, apprenticeships & FE courses		
	Assembly Presentation National Citizen Service	April	3, 4, 8
	Group Work: CV's & Applications with Form Tutors	April	3, 4, 8
	Leavers Booklets: Post-16 Options	August	3, 8
	(detailing other local Schools & Colleges)		
	Lunchtime Careers Workshop with Guest Speaker	Ongoing	2, 3, 4, 5
6 th Form	Subscription To UCAS		3, 7
0 101111	Support through application process provided from May of Year 12 through to A level Results Day	Ongoing	

School Post-18 Bulletin	Fortnightly	2, 3, 4, 8
Selection of Career and Post-18 Opportunities		
Life Beyond TBSHS	School Sixth Form Website	3, 8
Webpages with Post-18 Options plus Useful Links		
Alumni Talks	Ongoing	2, 3, 4, 5
Optional Enrichment Sessions with ex-students returning to talk about post- 18 paths and courses of study		
On Request: One to one Guidance Interviews	Ongoing	3, 8
"Next Steps" – in school Career's Adviser		
Lunchtime Careers Workshop with Guest Speakers	Ongoing	2, 3, 4, 5
Competitive Admissions Support	On-going	3, 5, 6, 8
Registering of student interest in		
Oxbridge/Medicine/Veterinary/Dentistry		

Initial introductory advice session and materials provided in Autumn Term + further termly/half termly support sessions focussing on key skill		
Nominations/reference support for Masterclasses, Summer schools e.g. Oxbridge masterclasses, Headstart, Sutton Trust, Imperial Work	Ongoing	3,7, 8
Experience, Nottingham Potential Programme		

Years 9-13 Careers Forum for students & Parents/Carers	Biennial	2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8
Broad spectrum of industry sectors represented by 60+	Next Forum: October 2023	
Employer/Apprenticeship Recruiters		
Higher & Further Educators		
Year 13 Oxbridge Interview Workshop with	November and	3, 4, 5, 7, 8
Dr Sewell, Senior Tutor and ex Director of Admissions, Cambridge plus	Various dates in	
additional practice interviews including Medicine with	Nov & Dec	
Dr Oakey, Consultant Anaesthetist, Philosophy with Andrew Sanger,		
Cambridge, History with Dr Sean Laing, ARU		
Roche GenerationX	November	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Visit to Roche products for insight into careers in science for selected Yr 12 and Yr 13		
Uptree Careers in STEM Workshop	November	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8
Optional session for Yr 12 and Yr13 on employability and networking with focus on STEM careers, e.g. with MBDA		
University Budgeting for Year 13	January	3, 7
GSK Work Experience Year 12	February ½ term	3, 4, 5, 6
Unifrog introduction to Year 12	March	3, 7
On-line tool for research into Uni courses,		
Apprenticeships & FE courses		

CV Education	March	3, 4, 8
National Careers and Apprenticeship Week	March	2, 3, 4, 5
Themed Assemblies/Tutorials		
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Year 12 Post-18 Information Evening	March	3, 4
On-Line Lloyds Banking Workshop	March	2, 3, 4, 5
Introduction to careers within Lloyds group and one-to-one on-line chat with Lloyds Apprentices		
Year 12 Oxbridge Information Evening	March & ongoing	3, 7, 8
Start of support programme with visiting Cambridge professor		
Year 12-13	March	3

Year 12 Gap Year	April	3, 5
Visiting Speaker from Oyster Worldwide		
Year 12 One to One	Мау	3, 5, 8
Rotary Business Professional Interviews		
Journalism Visiting Speaker	May	3, 4, 5, 7
Optional lunchtime session - Dr Jenner of Harlow College of journalism		
Year 12 Apprenticeship Introduction	Мау	2, 3, 4, 5, 7
Visiting speaker from ASK Project and ex-TBSHS alumnus who is a		
GSK Apprentice		
Year 12 Personal Statement Education	Мау	3, 4, 8
Year 12 UCAS Apply Education and Registration	June	3, 7
Year 12 Work Experience Week	June	2, 3, 5, 6
Year 12/13 One to One	July & September	3, 8
Post- Guidance Interviews with Form Tutors		
Citizenship Programme	Fortnightly throughout	3, 5, 7
External Speakers from varied backgrounds	academic year	
(Politics, Human Rights, Sports, Journalism)		
Enrichment Programme		3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Opportunities for MUN, debating, volunteering in community (e.g. Grove	year	
Cottage – Mencap,), subject societies		

(e.g. Maths & Physics, Medical, Computing)		
Mentoring and Leadership Programmes Student involvement with lower year groups, e.g. Paired Reading, Peer Mentoring, Film Club, Drama Club, Music Leadership.	Weekly throughout the year	3, 4
INTERACT Sixth Form charity fund-raising group with external advice from Rotary Club	Ongoing	3, 4, 5
Sixth Form Senior Team Positions of responsibility including managing Tuck Shop, running Sixth Form and School Councils	Ongoing	3, 4

National Apprenticeship Week: Information & opportunities sent via Daily Notices & Parent Bulletin

National Careers Week: Updates via Daily Notices on NCS theme of the day + links to websites – also on Parent Bulletin.

There are many leadership opportunities, some examples:

School Council: Years 7 to 11 – democratic participation, leadership, communication skills

Form Captains

House Captains

Music Leadership

Mentoring Scheme

Interact

Senior 6th Form Team

Mentoring Scheme

Just a few of the other promoted activities:

University subject taster days Maths in Action day

Lunchtime Clubs: Geography, Programming, Science, Film, Drama, Music Maths juggling day

Drama Festival Crest Award

House Drama Competitions GSK Quiz

Music Festival Citizenship guest speakers

Maths Challenge competitions Dragon's Apprentice

History Discussion Group Arkwright Trust

Public Speaking/Debating Scholars Groups Years 10 & 11 ... and many more

Trips:

Trips provide a learning venue that matches a student's natural inclination to know more & engages students of all abilities and helps to put the learning subject in context. Group activities may include adventurous expeditions that develop social skills and self-confidence. For confident individuals, school trips can change attitudes and raise aspirations through participation in activities. Rising to new challenges and living alongside their peers helps pupils to become more adaptable and confident - critical to their development.

Schools trips provide powerful learning outcomes for young people that contribute to a sense of belonging, feeling valued and the ability to make a positive contribution in their community and society at large. Students become more resilient and optimistic and their emotional health and self-esteem improve. All of these positive attributes help to develop skills and enhances existing ones as well as improving a student's employability.

Amongst many others, the following curriculum/non-curriculum trips take place throughout the school calendar on a rolling basis, for Years 7-13:

Geography; field trips

RS & Citizenship; trips

History; Ypres, Hastings plus archaeological dig

Business Studies; business wholesalers visit, Toro UK Ltd, City of London trading floor visit

Bushcraft Poland Seniors World Rugby Tour

Ski: Years 7-13 Cern MUN (Model United Nations)

Language Exchange Trips Duke of E: Gold/Bronze World Cricket Tours for Years 9,10, 11, & Seniors

Berlin Nat. Citizenship Prog

New York Music Tours