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Bower Grove Access Policy Statement

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 11 at Bower Grove School 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 key stage 3 (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the key stage 4 (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:

- 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. Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Management of provider access requests: Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Laura Hunt, Careers Leader lhunt@bower-grove.kent.sch.uk

Opportunities for Access

We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

		Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5
Year 8				To be announced	
Year 9				Careers Evening March 2023 Includes: Ask Apprenticeships 3x Local FE Colleges IAG Careers Advisor Engagement Officer TEP Catch 22 / Beemix/ Sports Connect	
Year 10		Visit to Catch 22 Maidstone Skills Centre	Visit from Engagement Officer TEP	Careers Evening March 2023 as above MidKent College Transition Officer Assembly	1:1 IAG Interviews with Careers Advisor
Year 11	MidKent College Taster Sessions Targeted visits to various Post 16 options c/o Bower Grove Transition Co- ordinator	Targeted visits to various Post 16 options c/o Bower Grove Transition Co- ordinator	MidKent College Taster Sessions Targeted visits to various Post 16 options c/o Bower Grove Transition Co- ordinator	Careers Evening March 2023 As Above Targeted visits to various Post 16 options c/o Bower Grove Transition Co- ordinator	MidKent College Taster Sessions Targeted visits to various Post 16 options c/o Bower Grove Transition Co- ordinator