

Provider Access Statement

Biggleswade Academy is committed to providing a planned programme of high quality Careers Education, information and guidance to all Key Stage 3 pupils and recognises the role that this plays in:

- Preparing and supporting young people to sustain employability and achieve personal and economic wellbeing throughout their lives.
- Empowering young people to plan and manage their own futures.
- Increasing motivation and raising aspirations to inspire young people to achieve their full potential.
- Develop core competencies such as: communication, resilience, team working, problem solving and personal management.
- Promoting equality, diversity, social mobility and challenging stereotypes.

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

All pupils in years 8 - 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 assemblies, group discussions, workshops and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Biggleswade Academy ensures that by the end of Year 8 pupils receive their entitlement as above and that they are given opportunities, encouragement and support in developing life skills and attitudes to help them in their future working lives, including;

- Opportunities to consider different careers available to them.
- Information and guidance on pathways
- Consideration of transferable skills
- Evaluation of their skills and achievements to date with a view to how this may link to future choices.
- Guidance with job seeking skills such as writing CVs and interview techniques.
- Experiencing the world of work by accompanying a relative to their place of employment

Management of Provider Access Requests

Biggleswade Academy welcomes and encourages professional input and support from outside agencies and establishments.

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Academy Careers Leader in the first place:

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Opportunities for Access

A number of events integrated into the Academy's careers programme offers providers an opportunity to come into school to speak with pupils and/or their parents/carers. Those wishing to do so are invited to contact our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity to participate.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Introduction to STEM Engineering and Maths Event	Introduction to STEM Ed4 life – Life Skills; Financial sustainability and running a business (Tenner Challenge)	Introduction to STEM Creative Arts Event

Year 8	Languages Day - How different languages, including Sign language, are used in the work place.	Apprenticeships event	Ed4 Life/ Literacy – Life Skills inc. Writing CVs, completing application forms and interview skills.
	Higher Education Seminars	History/ Geography Day - an insight into the tourism industry	Work Place Experiences through 'Take your child to work day.' Science Day - investigating science-based industries in the local area.
Throughout Year 7 & 8 we will welcome visitors into assemblies to talk about their jobs and careers to show the wide variety of career options available.			

Premises and Facilities

The Academy will make areas such as the main hall, classrooms or meeting areas available, depending on the nature of the presentation/activity offered. AV and other specialist equipment will be available to support provider presentations, as requested in advance via the Careers Leader or other team member.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus, relevant course literature or business materials with the Academy, these can then be accessed by all pupils in the main school library.