



Bellingham Middle School

Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) Providers Access Policy

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Introduction

This policy statement set 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 providers' education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under section 42b of the Education Act 1997.

Pupils Entitlement

All pupils in years 7 – 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 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.

At Bellingham Middle School, we are committed to equipping our pupils with the attitudes, values, skills and knowledge that they need in order to be successful in their futures. As part of this aim, we focus on raising aspirations and providing pupils with a stable and structured careers programme. We aim to ensure that pupils are well informed and equipped to make decisions regarding their future, by the time they leave for their high school education.

Our pupils are challenged to think about the stereotypes that may impact upon their decisions when looking at future career paths, and to explore the huge range of career options that are available to them. In addition to this, our pupils are provided with opportunities to learn how the different STEM subjects help people gain entry to and be successful in a wide range of careers.

We aim to provide Key Stage 3 pupils with meaningful encounters with employers and higher education providers during their time at the school; enrichment activities include visiting speakers, workshops and mini-enterprise activity in Year 8. Pupils are given guidance about different pathways, including college, employment and apprenticeships as part of their careers lessons.

Measuring and Assessment of the impact of the careers programme on pupils

Evaluation of our careers programme is designed to enable us to examine what we do, consider how we can improve it and provide stakeholders with a summary of this. This will include gathering information from the pupils about how they feel about their experiences in relation to the careers programme.

Opportunities to access

Our curriculum and careers programme include opportunities for providers to come into school to speak to our pupils and/or their parents. A provider wishing to speak to children should contact: Jenna O'kane (Careers lead) to identify the most suitable opportunity for your organisation, email middleadmin@bellinghampartnership.uk.

All Key Stage 3 pupils receive a 'Careers Week'. We also have a number of events embedded into our schools careers programmes which include:

Bespoke assemblies for KS2 and KS3

Workshops (include STEAM activities, local businesses and Job centre Plus)

Curriculum talks within subject areas

Careers talks

Virtual careers fairs

Enterprise events

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 our main reception. Such prospectuses will be displayed in our Library which is available to all students at lunch and a reading time.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk