



KINGSBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Statement on Technical & Vocational Training Provider Access

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Aims

This policy statement sets out the Kingsbridge Community College's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the college for the purposes of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the college's legal obligations under Section 42B of the *Education Act 1997* and the *Technical and Further Education Act 2017*.

Student entitlement

Students 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 evenings, assemblies, 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

A provider wishing to request access should contact: *The Discovery Careers Coordinator*.

Telephone: 01548 852641; email: Alice.Taylor@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk

Opportunities for access

Kingsbridge Community College welcomes all providers to contact the college so that we can arrange access to students. We are always keen to develop links with external partners and in an ever-changing educational and employment landscape we want students to have the best possible knowledge about future opportunities. Whilst there are formal events such as open evenings (where we invite educational, employment and apprenticeship providers in to the college), we are always willing to facilitate additional sessions, for example by hosting providers in the library at lunchtime and inviting relevant students to attend. Please do get in touch if you would like to discuss access to students.

Students 7-11 study Careers pathways, including technical pathways as well as apprenticeships as part of their regular PSHE curriculum; we work with a number of colleagues and professionals from other sectors and institutions to provide information during these sessions. Please do get in touch if you think you could be a part of this programme.

All students are also given access to the Careers Platform *Unifrog*, which their tutors and PSHE teacher will support them with. This account is also accessible to parents allowing information, advice and guidance to continue at home.

A number of events, integrated into the college's careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into college to speak to students and/or their parents:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Discovery Assemblies	Discovery Career Panels	PSHE - Careers
Year 8	PSHE - Careers	Discovery Career panels Mini Careers Fair	Discovery Assemblies
Year 9	PSHE - Careers	Key Stage 4 Course Selection Evening Discovery Career panels Mini Careers Fair	Discovery Assemblies

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 10	Discovery Assemblies	PSHE - Careers Discovery Career panels Mini Careers Fair	Year 10 Parent Info. Evening Discovery Challenge Week
Year 11	PSHE – Careers Year 11 Parent Info. Evening Sixth Form Open Evening	Discovery Career panels Mini Careers Fair	Sixth Form Induction Day
Year 12 Year 13	Year 12 Discovery UCAS Fair – Spring Term 1 Year 12 Next Steps Week – Summer Term 1 Year 12 Mock Interviews – Summer Term 2 Year 12 Work Experience – Summer Term 2 The Sixth Form curriculum includes a fortnightly ‘tutorial’ slot where external speakers and providers are able to present to whole year groups or small groups of students. We have local providers who are already annual visitors to our Sixth Form for these sessions and we always welcome new additions to our tutorial programme.		

In addition to this, our independent careers advisor meets with students from years 10-13, to give bespoke careers guidance on a 1:1 basis.

Please speak to the Discovery Careers Coordinator to identify the most suitable opportunity or to discuss how we can create a new opportunity for access to students.

Safeguarding

Kingsbridge Community College’s Safeguarding Policy sets out the college’s approach to allowing providers into college as visitors to talk to our students. The full Safeguarding Policy is available on the college website and a copy of the relevant sections of the policy is provided to all visitors.

Premises and facilities

The college will make the assembly spaces, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Discovery Careers Coordinator. Years 7-11 have access to careers information through the *Unifrog* platform or the main college library and Sixth Form students have access to careers information through the Unifrog platform, the Sixth Form Bulletin, the jobs board and the Sixth Form Study.