

Coombeshead Academy

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Provider Access Statement 2025-2026

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Introduction

This statement sets out Coombeshead Academy'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 Section 42B of the Education Act 1987.

Pupil 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

Provider Access Legislation

The updated provider access legislation (PAL) has now been enacted. It specifies schools must provide at least six encounters with approved providers of apprenticeships and technical education for all their students:

- 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

Jo Chappell - assistant head teacher

Telephone – 01626 201800

Email – jo.chappell@coombesheadacademy.org.uk

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:

Gatsby Benchmarks	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
Careers Programme	Life Skills	Life Skills	Life Skills	Life Skills	Life Skills	Unifrog Life Skills	Unifrog Life Skills
Learning from career and labour market information	Careers Fair	Careers Fair	Careers Fair	Careers Fair	Careers Fair	Careers Fair	Careers Fair
	Fast Tomato	Fast Tomato	Fast Tomato	Fast Tomato	Fast Tomato		
	Unifrog	Unifrog	Unifrog	Unifrog	Unifrog	Unifrog	Unifrog
Addressing the needs of each student	Life Skills	Life Skills	Life Skills	Life Skills	Life Skills	Life Skills	Life Skills
	Introduction to careers/ Describing self and strengths / Challenging stereotypes / Raising aspirations / Managing money	Careers and life choices/ Contributing to society/ Meeting employers/ Accessing careers information, advice and guidance	GCSE option choices/ Setting goals and transition to KS4/ Learning strengths / career options and goal setting/ Money risks-debt, gambling and the influence of advertising	Careers advice from CSW and L Ponsford (targeted students)/ Assembly on WEX, apprenticeships	References/ Personal statements/ Writing a CV/ Preparing for post 16 interviews/ Employment rights and responsibilities/ Taking responsibility for your finances/ Careers advice from CSW and L Ponsford	Careers advice from L Ponsford Unifrog	Careers advice from L Ponsford Unifrog
	Unifrog	Unifrog	Unifrog	Unifrog	Unifrog		
Linking Curriculum learning to careers	All curriculum mapping documents	All curriculum mapping documents	All curriculum mapping documents	All curriculum mapping documents reference careers	All curriculum mapping documents reference careers	All curriculum mapping documents reference careers	All curriculum mapping documents reference careers

	reference careers	reference careers	reference careers				
Encounter with employers and employees	Assembly visits Careers workshop	Meet the employers speed dating	Assembly visits Careers Workshop Uni visit	Work Experience	Mock job interviews	Work Experience	Assembly / PSHE visits
Experience of the workplace				Preparation for work experience		Preparation for work experience	
Encounter with further and higher education	Careers Fair Assemblies	Careers Fair Assemblies	Careers Fair Assemblies	Careers Fair Visits for targeted students Assemblies	Careers Fair Visits for targeted students Assemblies Links with Apprenticeship Ambassadors	Careers Fair UCAS Fair Assemblies Links with Apprenticeship Ambassadors	Careers Fair UCAS Fair Assemblies Links with Apprenticeship Ambassadors
Personal Guidance				Careers appointments	Careers Appointments	Careers Appointments	Careers Appointments

Careers Programme - Coombeshead Academy

Year 7

- Collapsed timetable session on aspirations with children's authors and illustrators
- Future pathways assembly
- Unifrog access
- Careers programme as part of Life Skills
- Careers fair

Year 8

- Meet the employers session
- Unifrog access
- Future pathways assembly
- Careers programme as part of Life Skills
- Careers fair

Year 9

- Meet the employers session - to link in with GCSE options process
- Future pathways assembly
- Access to Unifrog website and workshop provided in school
- University visits – Aim Higher days for LAC/CP/CIN students
- Careers programme as part of Life Skills
- Careers fair
- Taster sessions at UTC for vocational courses/ pathways

Year 10

- Workshops on writing a CV and personal statement
- Future Pathways, Work Experience and apprenticeships assembly
- Access to Unifrog website and workshop provided in school
- Careers South West appointments for LAC Children and EHCP students
- Workshop with ASK (Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge)
- Army residential work experience at Okehampton Army Base
- WEX placement in summer term
- Careers programme as part of Life Skills
- Careers fair

Year 11

- Apprenticeship workshops
- Visit to The National Apprenticeship Show.
- Workshops on writing a CV and personal statement
- Mock job interview with local employer
- Future Pathways assembly
- Access to Unifrog website and workshop provided in school
- Assembly to encourage volunteering
- Taster sessions at UTC for vocational courses/ pathways
- Careers fair
- All Y11 students attend Post 16 interview with member of SLT
- Individual careers appointment for all Y11 students with independent careers advisor to discuss Post 16 pathways
- Post 16 taster days (A Level and vocational pathways)
- Careers programme as part of Life Skills

Post 16

- UCAS – Y12 visit to UCAS fayre
- UCAS – links with Exeter University student ambassadors talking about student life as part of Careers Day
- Apprentice advisory service visited school
- Y12 and Y13 students participated in Skills South West exhibition
- Careers Advisor delivers apprentice information on apprenticeships
- WEX provision as part of timetable – for allocated students
- Y12 work experience week during summer term
- Tutor time programme promotes independent learning, transferable skills, volunteering, transition preparation with writing of personal statement
- Unifrog platform to research future pathways apprenticeship and university, and log all work-related learning skills and activities.
- Term three interviews with all Post 16 students to check destinations and intentions.
- Plymouth University Introduction to Higher Education visit
- Alumni visits

Please liaise with the Careers Lead (Jo Chappell) to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

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 Lead or another named member of staff.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Learning Resource Centre. The LRC is available to all students at break and lunch times.