



Cranbourne: Provider Access Policy Statement

Review Date April 2026 in line with Careers Policy

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.

All students in years 8 to 11 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 students of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for students during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for students during the 'second key phase' (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 students from the provider) 55
- Answer questions from students

Meaningful Provider Encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between students and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all students using the Making it meaningful checklist.

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

Previous Providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our students:

- Basingstoke College of Technology
- Queen Mary's College
- Peter Symonds College
- Sparsholt College
- Apprenticeship Providers
- Reading University

Destination of our Students

Last year our year 11 students moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- 39.4% went to Queen Mary's College
- 38.0% went to Basingstoke College of Technology
- 14.1% went to Peter Symonds

Management of Provider Access Requests Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Angela Pope, Careers Administrator by email to a.pope@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk

Opportunities for Access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students or their parents or carers. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
11	Meeting careers advisor	Meeting careers advisor	Meeting careers advisor
11	DWP Mentor meetings	Apprenticeship application clinic	Supported Internship talk (NHS)
11	College Assemblies	University Assembly	
11	Apprenticeship Assemblies		
11	College Application Workshops		
11	University Assembly		
10		Meeting Careers advisor	Meeting Careers advisor
10		DWP Mentor Meetings	DWP Mentor Meetings
10		University Assembly	Work Experience
10		Apprenticeship Assembly (AWE)	BCOT Taster Day
10		College Assemblies	Careers Fair
10		Get Inspired Trip	Supported Internship talk (NHS)
10			T Levels Assembly (BCOT)
9		Army Apprenticeship Assembly	University Trip
9			Supported Internship talk (NHS)
9			Careers Fair
8			Careers Fair
7			Careers Fair

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.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our students. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.

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