

## **Provider Access Legislation:**

### **Introduction**

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.

### **Pupil entitlement**

All pupils in years 8 to 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.

**For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils 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 pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

### **Meaningful provider encounters**

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils 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 pupils.

### **Previous providers**

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

- 6 Employability sessions from the Job Centre for KS4 in Centre, plus 1 at Stevenage FC
- 2 sessions from The Money Charity: Planning and Budgeting and Credit & Saving
- A Get Work Ready Day for KS3 and KS4 – with volunteers including Tesco, Settle, ComputaCentre, GSK, Cadent, the Army and more.
- Enterprise Advisor Conference (Tesco) - with 3 speakers, ready steady cook challenge
- North Herts College Bridge transition programme: Intro to College Life session, and a visit to NHC
- Services for Young People – 1 to 1 Careers Meetings
- Careers meetings for Yr 11s

**Previous Years Plan:**

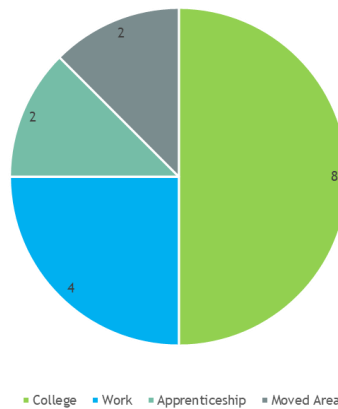
	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS3 Get Work Ready Day</li> <li>• Mentoring – 2 per week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS3 Get Work Ready Day</li> <li>• Mentoring – 2 per week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1to1 Careers meetings</li> <li>• KS3 Get Work Ready Day</li> <li>• Whole Centre Get Work Ready Day</li> <li>• Mentoring – 2 per week</li> </ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS3 Get Work Ready Day</li> <li>• Mentoring – 2 per week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1to1 Careers meetings</li> <li>• KS3 Get Work Ready Day</li> <li>• Mentoring – 2 per week</li> <li>• Explore More project offered to qualifying students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in Year 9.</li> <li>• KS3 Get Work Ready Day</li> <li>• Whole Centre Get Work Ready Day</li> <li>• Explore More project offered to qualifying students</li> <li>• Mentoring – 2 per week</li> </ul>
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sporting Futures: Apprenticeships</li> <li>• Job Centre Employability - 6 sessions</li> <li>• KS4 Get Work Ready Day</li> <li>• Enterprise Advisor Conference (3 Speakers)</li> <li>• Mentoring – 2 per week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 day per week college placement</li> <li>• 1to1 Careers meetings</li> <li>• KS4 Get Work Ready Day</li> <li>• Mentoring – 2 per week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1to1 Careers meetings</li> <li>• Whole Centre Get Work Ready Day</li> <li>• Mentoring – 2 per week</li> </ul>
Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sporting Futures: Apprenticeships</li> <li>• Job Centre Employability – 6 sessions</li> <li>• KS4 Get Work Ready Day</li> <li>• Enterprise Advisor Conference (3 Speakers)</li> <li>• WEX</li> <li>• 1to1 Careers Meetings</li> <li>• NHC Transition programme – talk at SESC</li> <li>• Mentoring – 2 per week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 day per week college placement</li> <li>• 1to1 Careers Meetings</li> <li>• KS4 Get Work Ready Day</li> <li>• North Herts College Transition programme – NHC site visits</li> <li>• Mentoring – 2 per week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 11.</li> <li>• University of Herts Visit</li> <li>• Whole Centre Get Work Ready Day</li> <li>• North Herts College Transition programme – assistance with applications</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation of post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils</li> <li>• Mentoring – 2 per week</li> </ul>
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### Destinations of our pupils

Last year (2022-23) our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

Yr 11 Destinations



#### Details:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College - Plumbing</li> <li>• College – Business and Fashion</li> <li>• College – Childcare</li> <li>• College – Public services</li> <li>• College – Hair and beauty</li> <li>• College – Public services</li> <li>• College- Health and Social Care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College - Catering</li> <li>• Apprenticeship – Bricklaying</li> <li>• Apprenticeship – Motor Mechanics</li> <li>• Moved out of area</li> <li>• Moved out of area</li> <li>• 4 students working</li> </ul>
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### Management of Provider Access requests Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Jake Holbrook, Careers Lead  
[j.holbrook@stevenage-esc.herts.sch.uk](mailto:j.holbrook@stevenage-esc.herts.sch.uk)  
 01438 369119

### Opportunities for access

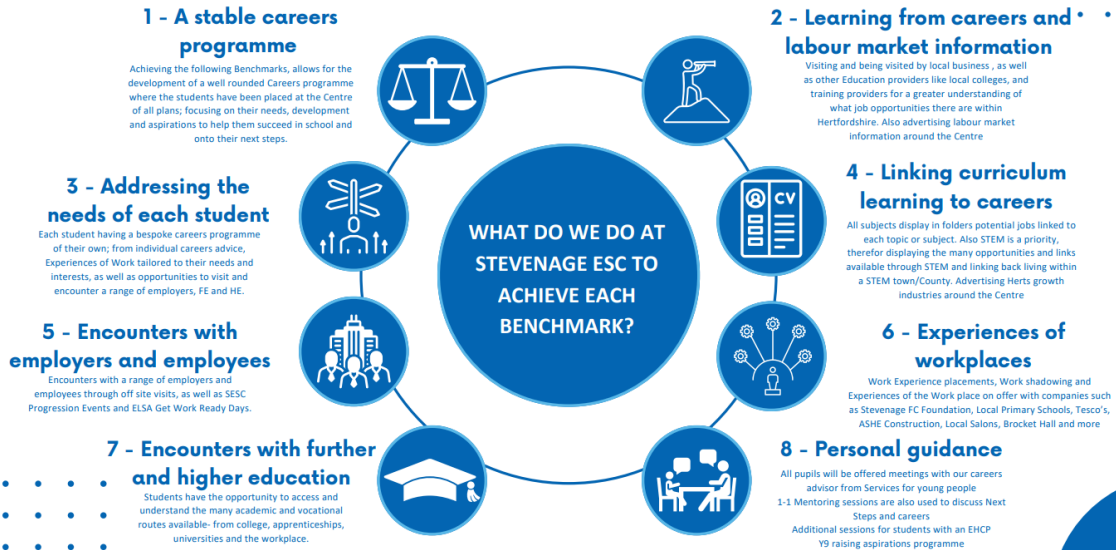
The school offers the six provider encounters required by law, and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into

school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

### OUR 2023/24 PROGRAMME

- **1-1 Careers Interviews with Services for Young People** – With additional/extended sessions for students with an EHCP
- **Y9 raising aspirations programme** - For children known to a social worker on CiN/CP plans
- **Work Experience (WEX) and Experience of the workplace** - Stevenage FC Foundation, a number of local schools, Brocket Hall etc.
- **HRC & NHC college programmes** – Construction (Morgan Sindall Bricklaying Competition), Catering and Hospitality, Hair and Beauty
- **PSHCE** – Apprenticeships, College Life
- **Bridge Programme: North Herts College (NHC) Transition** –Tours of all NHC sites and presentations for pupils at our Progression Event.
- **Tesco / Enterprise Advisor** – Ready Steady Cook challenge and KS4 Tesco Jobs Conference planned for Summer Term - our EA is leaving so in the process of getting a new one
- **Morgan Sindall Bricklaying Competition** – ESC Competition held at HRC against another ESC, students are competing in 3 challenges with the support of HRC and Morgan Sindall.
- **Job Centre Plus** - 1. Getting to know you, 2. Soft skills and work experience, 3. social media and digital footprint / Cost of living, 4. CVs, 5. Preparation for interview, 6. Mock Interviews
- **ASK programme** - The ASK programme is funded by the Department for Education and offers free support to educational establishments in England to increase awareness of apprenticeships and T Levels. The ASK programme is a PAL Compliant Provider. We are a pilot site for them.
- **ELSA** – Get Work Ready Days for KS3 and Y10 GWRD held at Essendon Golf Club
- **Stevenage Education Support Centre Progression Events** – KS4 Next Steps Day at the Centre and KS4 Interview Day at Stevenage FC

## GATSBY BENCHMARKS



## What we do at SESC in Careers

### KS3

- 1-1 careers advice by SfYP
- Get Work Ready Days by ELSA
- Explore More Project: Y9 raising aspirations
- Opportunities for work shadowing
- Opportunities to gain experiences of a workplace

### Year 10

- 1-1 careers advice by SfYP
- Get Work Ready Day by ELSA
- Progression Events
- Work experience and Experience of the workplace
- College Programme - Construction, Catering, Hair and Beauty

### Year 11

- 1-1 careers advice by SfYP
- Progression Events
- College Bridge Programme with NHC
- Work experience and Experience of the workplace
- College Programme - Construction, Catering, Hair and Beauty
- Job Centre Plus
- ASK Programme

### Other Opportunities:

- Mentoring - 1-1 support and advice on next steps; applying, preparing and support with transition.
- Subject folders: all feature yellow sheets linking topics to careers and STEM to encourage and raise high aspirations of all students.
- Morgan Sindall ESC Bricklaying Competition at HRC.
- Awaiting our new Enterprise Advisor to plan upcoming events. Previous EA was with Tesco who organised for us an enterprise challenge, a ready steady cook challenge and tours of their buildings.
- Careers and Next Steps displays showing LMI, events and Post 16 options.

