



Biggleswade Academy

Provider Access Statement

Biggleswade Academy is committed to providing a planned programme of high-quality Careers Education, information and guidance to all KS3 pupils and recognises the role that this plays in:

- Preparing and supporting young people to sustain employability and achieve personal and economic wellbeing throughout their lives.
- Empowering young people to plan and manage their own futures.
- Increasing motivation and raising aspirations to inspire young people to achieve their full potential.
- Develop core competencies such as: communication, resilience, team working, problem solving and personal management.
- Promoting equality, diversity, social mobility and challenging stereotypes.

This document sets out Biggleswade Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the Academy, for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the Academy's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

All pupils in years 8 - 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 assemblies, group discussions, workshops and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Biggleswade Academy ensures that by the end of Year 8 pupils receive their entitlement as above and that they are given opportunities, encouragement and support in developing life skills and attitudes to help them in their future working lives, including;

- Opportunities to consider different careers available to them.
- Information and guidance on pathways
- Consideration of transferable skills
- Evaluation of their skills and achievements to date with a view to how this may link to future choices.
- Guidance with job seeking skills such as writing CVs and interview techniques.
- Experiencing the world of work by accompanying a relative to their place of employment

Management of Provider Access Requests

Biggleswade Academy welcomes and encourages professional input and support from outside agencies and establishments.

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Academy Careers Leader in the first place:

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Opportunities for Access

A number of events integrated into the Academy's careers programme offers providers an opportunity to come into school to speak with pupils. Those wishing to do so are invited to contact our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity to participate.

The Academy has registered with the Careers and Enterprise Company and STEM Ambassadors to advertise events and encourage participants. Companies and individuals are also able to contact the Careers Leader through this route.

The activities in the programme will be evaluated by pupils in appropriate form times and Ed4Life lessons, and by the staff involved after each event. The whole programme and access policy will be reviewed annually.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Introduction to STEM – What is it? How does it fit into the work place? Introduction to Option subjects - How does this subject fit into the world of work? Self evaluation & making life choices.	Ed4 life – Life Skills; Financial sustainability and running a business (Tenner Challenge) this includes budgeting and advertising and marketing.	Creative Arts Event – Working in the theatre, music industry and commercial art. Careers insight presentations

Year 8	<p>Self - evaluation</p> <p>Addressing discrimination, stereotyping and diversity.</p> <p>Introduction to Option subjects - How does this subject fit into the world of work?</p> <p>Languages Day – Careers using languages and communication.</p> <p>Higher Education Seminars – including investigating pathways.</p> <p>Career Insight presentations</p>	<p>Apprenticeships</p> <p>Science Day – STEM career opportunities.</p> <p>Career Insight presentations</p>	<p>Ed4 Life - Life Skills inc. Writing CVs, completing application forms and interview skills.</p> <p>Work Place Experiences through ‘Take your child to work day.’</p> <p>History/ Geography Day</p> <p>Career Insight presentations</p>
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Premises and Facilities

The Academy will make areas such as the main hall, classrooms or meeting areas available, depending on the nature of the presentation/activity offered. AV and other specialist equipment will be available to support provider presentations, as requested in advance via the Careers Leader or other team member.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus, relevant course literature or business materials with the Academy, these can then be accessed by all pupils in the careers are