



# COCKSHUT HILL SCHOOL

## PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

### INTRODUCTION

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to learners 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 1997.

### LEARNER ENTITLEMENT AT COCKSHUT HILL

All learners in Years 7-11 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 work experience (virtual or face to face), options events, assemblies, group workshops and taster events.
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic, vocational and technical courses.

All learners will have multiple encounters (minimum of two encounters per key stage)

### MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUESTS

Provider requests will be scheduled during the school day and given reasonable notice from date of request. The school will book a suitable space available as appropriate to the activity.

Requests should include: Information on qualifications, progression routes, insights into learning environments and opportunities for questions and answers.

Cockshut Hill School are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all our learners. We welcome talks and activities from Sixth Forms, Colleges, FE and HE Providers, Apprenticeships and Businesses.

In the first instance, a provider wishing to request access to a year group should contact Michelle Turton, Careers Leader, Telephone: 0121 289 5900 Email: [michelle.turton@cockshuthill.org.uk](mailto:michelle.turton@cockshuthill.org.uk)

You may also contact Arlene Croydon, Assistant Principal on 0121 289 5900 or email [arlene.croydon@cockshuthill.org.uk](mailto:arlene.croydon@cockshuthill.org.uk)

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS

The school offers a comprehensive Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) programme and the overview of the programme is available on our school's website. A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to learners and/or their parents/carers:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Assembly and tutor group activities and opportunities Life Skills What is Careers? Green Careers Week What is an Entrepreneur? Managing Finances Workshops	Assembly and tutor group activities and opportunities STEM related event National Apprenticeship Week National Careers Week UNIFROG Work Experience Introduction Workshops	Assembly and tutor group activities and opportunities Information, Advice and Guidance STEM related event Workshops UNIFROG Equalex Work Experience
Year 8	Assembly and tutor group activities and opportunities STEM related event Green Careers Week Managing Finances Workshops	Life Skills STEM related event Equalex Work Experience National Apprenticeship Week National Careers Week BCLM Visit History of Careers UNIFROG	Employer engagement STEM related event Workshops UNIFROG Equalex Work Experience
Year 9	GCSE Awareness KS4 Taster lessons STEM related event Workshops Green Careers Week Mentoring Managing Finances	Introduction - Higher Education STEM related event Workshops National Apprenticeship Week National Careers Week UNIFROG Armed Forces	GCSE Options Life Skills – Developing employability skills STEM related event Workshops UNIFROG Equalex Work Experience
Year 10	Life Skills – Work Experience and preparation sessions Post 16 Evening STEM related event Workshops Mentoring T Level Week: What are T Levels?	Life Skills – preparation sessions for Mock Interview and identifying employability skills into application process Enterprise related event Workshops National Apprenticeship Week National Careers Week UNIFROG Higher Education Visits Armed Forces	Life Skills – preparation and next Steps, i.e. A Level, BTEC and Apprenticeships Post 16 visits Post 16 Taster Lessons SEND Career Interviews UNIFROG Equalex Work Experience Placements
Year 11	Life Skills – developing opportunities for Post 16 education or training Post 16 evening Career Guidance Interviews Mentoring Armed Forces T Level Week: What are T Levels?	Life Skills – next steps Apprenticeships Introduction to Post 18 National Apprenticeship Week National Careers Week Career Guidance Interviews UNIFROG	Drop in careers support  Continued guidance and pathway support
All students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular clubs, i.e. STEM Club, Journalism Club, Debate Club and many more..... Please enquire if you would like more information.			

Cockshut Hill School will reserve the right to make changes to the table as required. For more information speak to Michelle Turton our Careers Leader about the opportunities available to you.

## **PREMISES AND FACILITIES**

The school will make facilities available to you, careers room, halls and classrooms available for discussions between 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.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Room, which is managed by the Careers Leader. The Resource Room is available to all students at appropriate times.

## **APPROVAL AND REVIEW**

This policy has been approved by the senior leaders and governors.

Next review: 31/08/2026