

Provider Access Legislation 2025-2026

Plymstock School Provider Access Policy

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 7 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 7 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11). For pupils in the 'third key phase' (year 12 to 13), particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

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:

Every other year we host a large school's Careers Event. This has grown from a few providers when we first started this process in 2016 to nearly over 30 businesses, organisations and colleges attending in November 2023. We are working regularly with providers from the local area to speak to our pupils.

These include:

Greenlight Training With over 12 years' experience in the construction industry, Greenlight Training specialises in delivering construction Apprenticeships. We work closely with key employers across the West and the South West of England, helping you get the greenlight on your career.	
Babcock International As UK's leading engineering support services organisation, Babcock regularly recruits apprentices across all of its divisions within the UK including; Pipe Fitters, Fabricators, Mechanical Fitters, Electrical fitters, Project Engineers and Business Administration.	
EE LTD EE runs the UK's biggest, fastest and most reliable mobile network, offering superfast connections in more places than any other operator. We brought the first 4G network to the UK in October 2012 and launched the UK's first 5G network in May 2019. From Commercial to Marketing, HR to Strategy, in cities across the UK, our corporate teams love working at pace to turn today's bright ideas into tomorrow's transformative products and services.	
Princess Yachts Princess is recognised as one of the world's leading boat builders, with a reputation for design, engineering and manufacturing excellence. Their award-winning apprentice scheme is a fantastic opportunity to start a long term career at Princess in engineering, carpentry/boat building, composites, development or fabricating & welding.	
City College Plymouth CCP been helping students to get the skills and qualifications they need since 1887, they are now one of the leading providers of vocational, professional and technical training in the South West. They can offer you: 100s of courses to choose from, hands-on experience, great facilities, from the multi-million-pound Regional Centre of Excellence for STEM, to a day spa and restaurant. City College Plymouth have courses available in everything from hospitality and catering, to performing arts, as well as Apprenticeship opportunities.	

The Cornwall College Group : Duchy College/ Cornwall College/Falmouth Marine School/Bicton College

Supporting over 35,000 learners every year on a range of pathways, from A-levels and diplomas for school leavers, the widest range of apprenticeships for all ages, practical skills training and professional qualifications. There are eight campuses within the Cornwall College group, from Falmouth Marine School specialising in Boatbuilding, Leisure, Water sports and Marine Biology to the Stoke Climsland Campus with its great land based activities including Zoology and Animal Management.



Barbican Theatre

Barbican Theatre is a dynamic charity started in 1980 with emerging artists, young people and the development of talent at the heart of all that we do.



Our ambition has been to raise the standard of dance, theatre and music performance being produced by, with and for young people. We seek to challenge what traditional notions of theatre, music and dance are and liberate the imagination of young people to create fresh and exciting work that comes from new and unusual voices – voices that are often unheard.

The Focus Training Group

The Focus Training Group is a group of branded businesses owned by Focus Training (SW) Limited. They deliver apprenticeships in Retail, Hospitality, Electrical installations, Business Administration, Management and Customer Service.



Specsavers

At Specsavers, we are passionate about developing our people so they can be the best they can be.

Apprenticeships are a great example of our grow your own philosophy, and our diverse range of apprenticeships even goes up to Master's degree level. We employ apprentices in our retail stores, in our support offices and in our manufacturing and distribution sites.



NHS (University Hospitals Plymouth)

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is the largest hospital in the south west peninsula, providing comprehensive secondary and tertiary healthcare.



The Trust's services benefit greatly from the skills of military clinicians, particularly in Trauma & Orthopaedics, Radiology and the Emergency Department. Many of them bring unique experiences and knowledge from their deployments and this, in turn, benefits the Trust and our patients.

Scott Medical and Healthcare College

Our purpose-built facility and equipment support a high-quality curriculum which will enable students to meet the needs of the highest demand qualifications at Key Stages 5.

We have worked closely with our partners in industry, and at Plymouth University's new Faculty of Health, Medicine, Dentistry and Human Sciences to deliver the best qualifications for students wishing to follow careers in Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Healthcare, Midwifery, Physiotherapy, Allied Health and many more.



Norland College

If you aspire to be the very best professional early years graduate practitioner, look no further.

Norland is world-famous for the exceptional quality of its early years higher education and training. Informed by the latest research, Norland cultivates outstanding graduates who benefit from lifelong career opportunities, professional support and continuous learning.



Arts University Plymouth

AUP is an independent art school based in the centre of the city offering extended diplomas, BA degrees, masters and more in art, design and digital subjects.

AUP continues to invest heavily in new studios and workshops that redefine the relationship between media, fine art, digital technology and handcrafted traditions.



Access Creative College and dBs Institute of Sound and Digital Technologies

Access Creative College [ACC] is the UK's largest national independent training provider with 30 years of experience in educating creative 16-18 and 19+ year-olds. The college, rated 'Good' by Ofsted in 2022, has over 4500 learners studying at campuses in Birmingham, Bristol, Lincoln, London, Manchester, Norwich and Plymouth.

ACC offers full-time vocational courses in music, media, games, esports and computing.



Plymouth Marjon University

If you're considering going to university then we'd love to introduce you to Marjon. We combine small class sizes and a hands-on practical approach to teaching to help our students learn. We listen to and support our students because we want learning to be happy and healthy. No 1 in England for teaching quality, learning community and No 3 in England for student satisfaction.



University of Plymouth

Founded in 1862 as the School of Navigation, Plymouth University is now the UK's 15th largest university and with around 27,000 students studying a variety of courses from fine art to physiotherapy, business to biology, and design to dentistry. Want to know more about student life, fees, courses available or accommodation go and see them at the Careers Fair.



KPMG LLP

KPMG provides audit, tax and advisory services to many of the world's leading organizations. KPMG is one of the world's leading professional services firms.



Skills Group

Skills Group specialises in training. With about 25 years' experience in delivering apprenticeships and career development programmes across the South West. Skills Group have Career Development and Apprenticeships available in: Business Administration & Management, Care & Early Years, Construction, Engineering & Automotive, Sport & Leisure and Teaching & Education.



They also deliver pre-apprenticeship training with their 'learn2work programme', which helps to prepare young people for employment in their chosen industry, and specialist short courses.

Next Steps South West

Next Steps South West provide impartial information and signposting so you can make an informed decision about your future. We are a collaboration of fourteen partner universities and colleges throughout Cornwall, Devon and Somerset. We are funded by the Office for Students (OfS).



Oxford Brookes University

Set in a historic student city, Oxford Brookes University is one of the UK's leading modern universities and enjoys an international reputation for teaching excellence and innovation as well as strong links with business and industry.



University of Sheffield

Sheffield is a research university with a global reputation for excellence. We're renowned for the excellence, impact and distinctiveness of our research-led learning and teaching.

Our research is changing lives. We are pioneering new technologies, transforming health and social care, finding solutions to social and cultural challenges and working towards a sustainable, equitable future for everyone.



Falmouth University

As a Falmouth student, you'll be challenged to think differently, break the mould and push the limits of possibility. For over 120 years, we've been steering the course of the creative industries, and beyond. Creative thinking is vital in all areas of the future economy - from fine art to robotics, events management to marketing. Students at Falmouth are given the freedom, support and professional experiences to make their creativity count.



Whether you study Computing, Architecture or Business, we'll empower you to question the way things are, find innovative solutions and establish your own unique voice in your field.

Lignum Designs Ltd (Architects)

With 20 years' experience as a qualified Architect, Simon has worked for a range of practices, on a variety of project types and sizes. We are a design lead practice that believes high quality design can have an impact on any size of project.



Plessey MicroLEDs

Plessey is working with world leaders in consumer technology, who are paving the way with innovative next-generation Augmented Reality and wearable applications, based on advanced microLED display solutions.



Challenging existing display technologies, microLEDs are propelling forward a vast, yet stagnated market, changing the way we interact with our devices, both for information and entertainment.

Adams Morey

Offering vans and trucks, new and used. Our services also include servicing, parts, repairs, body repairs and MOTs. Our 8 dealerships satisfy all your commercial vehicle needs.

With DAF and Fiat sales and after-sales franchises across the South West we provide a comprehensive and competitive service.

Founded in 1952, Adams Morey has grown to become one of the most successful commercial vehicle distributors in the United Kingdom.



Building Plymouth

Building Plymouth is a Plymouth City Council-led partnership set up to connect local people with career opportunities in construction in Plymouth. Our vision is simple – to increase the number of local people entering the booming industry of construction and the built environment in Plymouth.



Persimmon Homes

Building over 13,500 beautifully-designed new homes a year in more than 350 prime locations nationwide, Persimmon is proud to be one of the UK's most successful housebuilders, committed to the highest standards of design, construction and service.



Plymouth City Council

Plymouth City Council procures a wide range of goods, services and works from low value routine items such as office supplies to multi-million pound major construction and infrastructure projects.



Kier Group/BAM

We are a leading provider of Infrastructure Services, Construction and Property developments. We are committed to delivering for communities and leaving lasting legacies through our work.



ASK Apprenticeships





The Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge for schools and colleges programme (ASK programme) is funded by the Department for Education and aims to support schools and colleges in England to increase awareness of apprenticeships, traineeships and T Levels amongst students, parents, carers, teachers and careers advisers.



Achievement Training

Achievement Training are a training provider offering Courses and Apprenticeships in Plymouth. Our objective is to develop a quality training company, ensuring stability for staff and learners and provide a professional service delivery at all levels.



<p>DWP Schools Advisor</p> <p>DWP Support for Schools Advisers offer FREE Employability, Information and Advice Sessions to support students aged 12 -18 years (up to 24 years for SEND students). Their support assists the students with their transition from school/college into the world of work and further education.</p>	
<p>British Army</p> <p>The British Army protects the United Kingdom's interests at home and abroad, providing a safe and secure environment in which all British citizens can live and prosper.</p>	
<p>Royal Navy</p> <p>We help to stabilise the seas, keeping the maritime trade that's the lifeblood of the UK economy flowing. We act as a guardian and a diplomat, as a humanitarian force for good, and a peacekeeper on the global stage.</p>	
<p>Royal Air Force</p> <p>We work with our UK and international partners to watch the skies, respond to threats, prevent conflict, and provide assistance in an uncertain world.</p>	

Destinations Data

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

- 31% moved to College (City College Plymouth, Duchy College, Arts University, Discovery College or Achievement Training for example)
- 23% secured an Apprenticeship
- 41% stayed on for Sixth Form at Plymstock School and 2% chose another Sixth Form

Last year our year 13 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- HM Land Registry, Plymouth City Council Mark Holt & Co, MOD, Babcock, pursuing cyber security, accounting and finance, a range of engineering disciplines (aerospace, nuclear, mechanical).

Students accepted university offers for a wide range of universities both local providers (Plymouth and Marjon) and others across the country ranging from Sheffield, Kent, Loughborough, Birmingham, Nottingham, Manchester, Chester, Bristol, UWE, Exeter, Cardiff, Southampton and Surrey. Subjects pursued included mathematics, biological sciences, veterinary medicine, biochemistry, law, criminology, psychology and computer science.

Management of provider access requests procedure:

A provider wishing to request access should contact the following at Plymstock School:

Staff Roles & Responsibilities:

- Senior Teacher and Strategic Lead – Mr Mark Taylor mataylor@plymstockschool.org.uk
- Head of Personal Development and Careers Leader – Mr Daniel Willcocks dwillcocks@plymstockschool.org.uk
- Careers Coordinator and Advisor – Mrs Alicia Walshe-Winwood AWalsheWinwood@plymstockschool.org.uk
- Head of Sixth Form – Mrs R Littler rlittler@plymstockschool.org.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text) 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 when this is deemed appropriate.

Please speak to our Careers Leader, Careers Coordinator or Head of Sixth Form to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.