



Gatsby Benchmarks & Baker Clause

Gatsby Benchmarks

USP College is firmly committed to delivering a CEIAG programme that is fully informed by the eight Gatsby Career Benchmarks. It is our commitment to continuously work towards delivering a progressive CEIAG programme that meets all of the benchmark's objectives outlined below:

- A stable careers programme.
- Learning from career and labour market information.
- Addressing the needs of each pupil.
- Linking curriculum learning to careers.
- Encounters with employers and employees.
- Experiences of workplaces.
- Encounters with further and higher education.
- Personal Guidance.

The Baker Clause

What is the Baker Clause?

Introduced as an amendment to the Technical and Further Education Act 2017, the Baker Clause stipulates that schools must allow colleges and training providers access to every student in years 8- 13 to discuss non-academic routes that are available to them. It is expected that by doing so this will help address the UK's productivity challenges and address skills shortages experienced across several sectors of the economy. This regulation has been enforced since January 2nd 2018.

The Department for Education's statutory guidance for governing bodies, school leaders and school staff sets out the expectations of schools which includes:

- Every school must ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access all pupils in year 8 to year 13 for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships.
- Every school must publish a policy statement setting out their arrangements for provider access and ensure that it is followed.

USP College CEIAG Provider Access Statement

Introduction

This statement sets out USP College arrangements for managing the access of providers to learners at the college for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the college's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997. This should be read in conjunction with the USP Careers and IAG Policy.

Learner entitlement

All learners in years 12 and 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.
- 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.
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the college's annual careers programme such as Student CPD days and Careers Fairs will offer providers with an opportunity to come into college to speak to learners. The College will also discuss with providers the opportunity for additional requests to access learners either in the College or by virtual means if more appropriate.

Please speak to Linda Jones Head of Work Experience and Careers to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Management of provider access requests procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact: Linda Jones, Head of Work Experience and Careers.

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