



south essex college

**Provider Access  
Statement  
2023 - 2024**



# Provider Access Statement

## Introduction

This document sets out South Essex College Groups arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the college, to ensure they are able to obtain information to support them in making informed choices regarding their educational and career progression. This complies with the College's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and Provider Access Legislation, January 2023

## South Essex College Group Aims

Our aim is to:

- develop the knowledge and awareness of our students of all career pathways available to them, including T-Levels, Higher Technical Qualifications and apprenticeships.
- Support our student to acquire the self-development and career management skills they need to achieve positive employment destination.
- support our students to be able to learn more about opportunities for education and training when making crucial choices about their future options.
- reduce drop out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

## Students entitlement

All students are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications, apprenticeships and Higher Education opportunities, as part of a careers programme, which provides information on the full range of progression options available at each transition point.
- to access providers through meaningful engagements such as events, workshops/programmes, trips and guest speakers.
- to understand how to make successful applications for the full range of educational opportunities available to them.
- to receive information about the provider and the approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships the provider offers.
- to receive information about the careers to which those technical education qualifications or apprenticeships might lead.
- to receive a description of what learning or training with the provider is like.

- to have meaningful conversations with providers or approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships that allows the student to make appropriate decisions regarding their educational or career progression
- to have the opportunity for access to two encounters during the 'third key phase' (year 12 or 13)

### **Providers Criteria**

Any provider of technical education high education or apprenticeships must ensure they provide information to students that, as a minimum, includes:

- information about the provider and the approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships that the provider offers.
- information about the careers to which those technical education qualifications or apprenticeships might lead.
- a description of what learning or training with the provider is like.
- responses to questions from the pupils about the provider or approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships.

### **Parents and Carers**

- Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend events to meet the providers.
- Parental sessions will be delivered throughout the academic year that will equip them to being able to support their young person with making informed decisions.

### **Management of provider access requests Procedure**

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Careers Team.

Telephone: 0345 52 12345

Email: [careers@southessex.ac.uk](mailto:careers@southessex.ac.uk)

### **Opportunities for access**

SEC offers a comprehensive Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance programme. An overview of this programme can be viewed on the careers section on the Colleges website.

Please speak to our Careers Team to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. This will include:

- Appropriate College Campus
- Consideration for suitability of in person or virtual engagement
- Live online encounters with providers may be broadcasted into classrooms or the school assembly hall. Technology checks in advance will be required to ensure compatibility of systems.
- Suitable date and time
- The College will ensure all equipment is accessible for the provider to support them with the delivery of their activity. This will all be discussed and agreed in

advance of the visit with the Careers Team or a suitable member of staff within the college.

- Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out.
- Providers will be met and supervised by a member of the Careers Team who will facilitate.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant literature with the Careers Team, so they can be displayed in the Careers Section at each suitable campus.

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the college complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company.

### **Links with other policies**

It supports and is underpinned by key college policies including those for Careers, Safe Guarding, Equality Diversity & Inclusion, and GDPR.

### **Equality and Diversity**

Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all students to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. The College is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

### **Review and Publication**

This Access Statement will be reviewed and developed annually as part of the College's SAR process and based on current good practice guidelines by the Department of Education. The policy will be published on the College's website.

## **Appendix**

Providers who have been invited into South Essex College Group to date include:

- Anglia Ruskin University
- University of Essex
- The Aim Group
- South Essex College Apprenticeship Team
- University Centre South Essex
- University of Kent
- University of Greenwich
- University of East London
- London South Bank University
- University of the Arts London
- University of Brighton
- BIMM Institute
- University of East Anglia
- City, University of London
- Kingston University

## **Destinations of previous students from South Essex College Group include:**

- University Centre South Essex
- Anglia Ruskin University
- University of East London
- University of Essex
- University of Greenwich
- University of Chichester
- University of the Arts London
- LMA
- London South Bank University
- UCFB
- Writtle University College
- ACM (The Academy of Contemporary Music)
- Escape Studios
- JCAS / London Fashion Academy

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