

## Provider Access Policy

### Introduction

EKC Group, encompassing six colleges across East Kent, three including Junior Colleges for students aged 14-16, actively encourages all providers of education, training and employment opportunities to engage with us.

In the first instance the provider should contact their local college Careers Adviser, by telephone via the switchboard or email the contacts (listed below). Providers wishing to engage with the EKC Group more broadly for careers related purposes, should contact the nominated Careers Leader, Lauren Anning on [lauren.anning@eastkent.ac.uk](mailto:lauren.anning@eastkent.ac.uk).

### Student entitlement

#### **Junior College Students:**

- Are entitled to robust careers guidance ahead of making an application to the junior college to ensure they make informed and appropriate decisions.
- A bespoke careers education programme embedded within the curriculum, including work experience, guest speakers and a L2 BTEC in Personal Development and wellbeing.
- An individual impartial careers guidance interview to discuss all options post Y11.
- Information on open days for schools and apprenticeship routes across the area are shared with students.

**All** students of EKC Group 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 after College;
- to hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships through events, presentations, group discussions and taster events, in person and online;
- to understand how and to receive support to make applications for the full range of further and higher academic and technical courses and employment opportunities.

### Opportunities for access

The EKC Group family of colleges offer a comprehensive Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance programme. An overview of this programme can be seen on the college website under <https://www.ekcgroup.ac.uk/group/about-us/public-information/careers/provider-access-policy>.

A wide range of events and presentations take place, and we are always keen to extend our network of academic institutions, alumni contacts, training providers and employers.

We will endeavour to facilitate practical arrangements with regard to timing, space, ICT and other specialist equipment to ensure the engagement with our students is as effective as possible for providers.



Providers are welcome to leave copies of their materials in hard-copy or electronic form. We will share them with students through Student Resource Centres, electronically on the College careers pages, in careers library areas or through our qualified Careers Advisers.

Local Careers Contacts:

Ashford College	Thomas White	<a href="mailto:Thomas.white@easkent.ac.uk">Thomas.white@easkent.ac.uk</a>	01233 743100
Broadstairs College	Valerie Aubourg Sue Gutrige	<a href="mailto:Valerie.aubourg@eastkent.ac.uk">Valerie.aubourg@eastkent.ac.uk</a> <a href="mailto:Sue.gutrige@eastkent.ac.uk">Sue.gutrige@eastkent.ac.uk</a>	01843 605040
Canterbury College	Rachel Smith	<a href="mailto:Rachel.smith@eastkent.ac.uk">Rachel.smith@eastkent.ac.uk</a>	01227 811111
Dover Technical College	Katie Jones	<a href="mailto:Katie.jones@eastkent.ac.uk">Katie.jones@eastkent.ac.uk</a>	01304 244332
Folkestone College	Molly Smith	<a href="mailto:Molly.smith@eastkent.ac.uk">Molly.smith@eastkent.ac.uk</a>	01303 858216
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