



## **Provider access statement**

### **Introduction**

This policy statement sets out the University's (Pre-Degree and Sixth Form) arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the university for the purpose of giving them information about the providers education or training offer. This complies with the University's legal obligations under section 42B of the education act 1997.

### **Student entitlement**

All students in years 1 and 2 are entitled to:

- 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 training options available at each transition point.
- To hear from a range of providers about opportunities they offer including technical education and apprenticeships- through career events such skills forward and the UCAS fair, and progression talks.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses available.

For students in year 2, especially those who have not yet decided on their next steps, there are more provider encounters available, which are optional for students to attend.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main timetable 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 students from the provider)
- Answer questions from students.

### **Meaningful provider encounters**

One encounter is defined as one meeting/ session between students and one provider.

### **Previous providers**

Arts University Plymouth Pre Degree and Sixth form centre is working to extend its engagement and support from external providers, last year we engaged with a range of providers including:

Arts University Plymouth (degree programs)  
TR2 Theatre Royal Plymouth



Princes Trust  
Channel 4  
Makers HQ  
UCAS Exeter fair  
Skills forward fair  
The Box  
Applied automation  
Foto Now  
Jo Downs Handmade glass  
Plymouth Argyle Football Club  
Ocean City Media  
Upshot Design  
Devon and Cornwall training provider network  
Next Steps South West

### **Destinations of our students**

Last year our 2nd year students moved to a range of providers including:

- 64% progressed to Higher Education (Arts University Plymouth, University of West England, Arts University London, University for the Creative Arts, for example)
- 5 students progressed onto the Princes trust enterprise program.
- 10% progressed full time employment

### **Management of provider access requests procedure:**

A provider wishing to request access should contact the following at Arts University Plymouth:

Head of Pre Degree - Steven Forsyth [sforsyth@aup.ac.uk](mailto:sforsyth@aup.ac.uk)  
Pre-Degree, Careers Leader - Jess Bowden [jbowden@aup.ac.uk](mailto:jbowden@aup.ac.uk)

### **Opportunities for access**

The University offers the two provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the Universities careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into the University to speak to students or their parents or carers when this is deemed appropriate.

Please speak to our Careers Leader or Head of Pre Degree to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.