

Area Prospectus Update June 09

Issue 11

Latest info from the DCSF – Action Plan for the 14-19 Prospectus and Common Application Process

In April, DCSF produced a substantial document outlining their expectations of the local area Prospectuses. Each Prospectus is seen as critical in supporting the 14-19 reforms. The document outlines the minimum standards that a Prospectus should meet and states that areas will use a self assessment tool to monitor their progress on an annual basis. Schools will need to introduce the Prospectus in Year 9 as an integral part of a Careers Education and Guidance Programme. By 2013 all 14-19 year olds will be applying on line. Bradford is keeping pace nationally, but there is a long way to go! The full document can be accessed at <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?go=site.home&sid=57&pid=497&lid=586&ctype=Text&ptype=Single> – or please contact Anne for a summary version.

Online Applications – Pilot (CAP)

The pilot is well underway with Laisterdyke, Challenge, Titus Salt and Greenhead introducing on-line applications to sample groups in the current Year 11. Feedback from the learners is very positive. There are now 140+ applications in the system and work is going on with providers to develop understanding of how to respond and manage the applications and enhance their existing systems.

There will be a full evaluation report of the learner, teacher and provider experiences available by the end of July.

!!!! Important !!!!

In order that we progress towards DCSF deadlines informed and aware, **the Confederation Executive** wishes that, wherever possible, **all year 11s in 09-10 will apply on line for their next learning opportunity**. Not only does that give us all time to manage our own understanding of the challenges and possibilities of making applications in this way, but it will produce valuable area wide data on participation and help in the reduction of NEET and the meeting of September Guarantee.

The most pressing implication of this is to ensure that time for introducing the Prospectus and time for building an application is planned into a Careers Education Programme during the next academic year. Careers Co-ordinators will be contacted separately about the stages that need to be considered in this respect.

Training

Ability to use the Prospectus/CAP will impact on a wide range of staff working with young people and there will be a rolling programme of training to keep people up-to-date and informed. This is taking place both centrally or within organisations, as appropriate to demand at the time.

The next date for training is **Tuesday 4th August** at the City Learning Centre at Carlton Bolling, Undercliffe Lane, Bradford BD3 0DU. (Please book with Anne)

10.00am–12.30 : Personal Advisers – managing a caseload through the CAP

1.30pm–4.00 : Providers – priority is receiving and managing applications through the CAP but will include the basics of updating the learning offer

Prospectus Development/Advisory Group

There are many topics to debate and discuss in relation to the Prospectus and CAP. This group is for staff in an organisation who can speak on behalf of their own sector within Bradford in order to influence decisions made for the district. Recommendations from this group will be taken to the steering group or C.E. as appropriate, ensuring that not only does our Prospectus/CAP meet national requirements but that it can be used successfully to benefit the district.

The next meeting of the group will be on

Friday 10th July from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

at the City Learning Centre at Carlton Bolling,
Undercliffe Lane, Bradford BD3 0DU

Please advise Anne should you wish to attend, along with any items that you particularly wish to discuss. Further details will follow for those registering.

NAVMS has a new name

NAVMS – the new National Apprenticeship Vacancy Matching Service has now changed its name to **Apprenticeship Vacancies On-line**. This can be accessed through www.apprenticeships.org.uk. All Prospectuses are required to have a link to this service which supports the national drive to increase the number of young people taking up apprenticeships. The National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) currently has a particular focus on engagement with employers as the demand for apprenticeships outweighs the number of vacancies available. Apprenticeships displayed on Apprenticeship Vacancies On-line will include the very unique aspects of an apprenticeship specific to an individual employer, whereas practically the Prospectus can only include the provider led apprenticeships at this stage.

Web address reminders for learners

These credit card style cards can be given out at the end of an introduction to the Prospectus. Year 11s in the pilot gave them the thumbs up so more will be produced for 09-10.



In addition we have rulers for Year 10s and posters to display around school and other venues. Please call with your requirements