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Staff at The Bournemouth and Poole College are celebrating after the Careers Advice and Guidance Team were re-accredited with the Matrix Standard, which is a nationally-recognised scheme.

The College was visited for inspection by the Matrix Standard's assessors, who spoke to the team about how they support students to pursue their work, learning and life goals, as well as school students to develop their career aspirations, and employers to develop beneficial partnerships.

Following the visit, a report was delivered to The College which listed a number of strengths within the Careers Advice and Guidance Team. This included: 'The impartiality and guidance provided was clearly in evidence throughout the assessment. The mind-set of remaining impartial when providing information, advice or guidance was in evidence when speaking to staff, students and partners.' The report went on to say that an example was having other local colleges attending careers events, as well as working with schools with sixth forms 'in a matter that did not conflict their interests.'

Assessors also praised the Careers Advice and Guidance Team's 'excellent use of technology, which is used to engage with students.' It also stated that 'The Careers Advice and Guidance Team goes beyond just developing partnerships with appropriate organisations' by working to support schools to provide guidance to pupils to choose the best courses for them at The College.

The Matrix Standard is the unique quality framework for organisations to assess and measure their information, advice and guidance services. Assessments are carried out every three years, which has resulted in The College's successful re-accreditation.

David Pusey, careers, education, information, advice and guidance manager for The Bournemouth and Poole College, said: "We are really pleased to be awarded with the Matrix Standard re-accreditation, which will give all of our current and potential students confidence in the high-quality, impartial careers advice and guidance that we provide.

"At The College, we want to provide the best start to our students' future careers that we can assist to offer and it is great to see that this is being recognised with the Matrix Standard."

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