



Policy Statement on Provider Access

Introduction

This provider access statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8 to 13 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point;
- to hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships - through options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11). For pupils in the 'third key phase' (year 12 to 13), particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school 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 pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the Making it meaningful checklist. {available at [Making it Meaningful: Benchmark 7](#) | [CEC Resource Directory \(careersandenterprise.co.uk\)](#)}

Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

The school and provider will work together. The school will ask each provider to inform pupils about:

- The provider
- The approved technical education qualifications apprenticeships that the provider offers
- The careers those technical education qualifications or apprenticeships might lead to
- What learning or training with the provider is like

Providers will also answer questions from pupils.

Previous providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- **2021/2022:** The Fire Service, Nationwide, Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), local Author Rachel Armitage, PCSOs.
- **2022/2023:** Micronclean, Bakkavor, Nacro, Thero Trust, Boston College. County Care, LCC Independent Travel Training, LCC Young People's Learning Provision, Linkage, Glasshouse Farm, LCC Day Opportunities, Liaise, The Job Centre, LCC SEND Employment Officer.
- **2023/2024:** Bakkavor, Nacro, Thero Trust, Boston College. County Care, LCC Independent Travel Training, LCC Young People's Learning Provision, Linkage, Glasshouse Farm, LCC Day Opportunities, Liaise, The Job Centre, LCC SEND Employment Officer.
- **2024/2025:** Bakkavor, Nacro, Thero Trust, Boston College. County Care, LCC Independent Travel Training, LCC Young People's Learning Provision, Linkage, Glasshouse Farm, LCC Day Opportunities, Liaise, The Job Centre, LCC SEND Employment Officer.

Destinations of our pupils

Last year one of our year 11 pupils moved to a provider in the local area after school:

- 6.7% (1 Year 11 leaver last year)

Last year none of our year 13 pupils moved to providers in the local area after school:

- 0% (no Year 13 leavers last year)

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Amanda Brooks, *Careers Leader and Assistant Headteacher*, amanda.brooks@bea-cit.co.uk 01205 345045. 07880 319489.

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme.

We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers.

Please speak to our Careers Leader Amanda Brooks to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Pathway to Adulthood (previously known as Careers Fair)- event for students, parents and carers attended by employers, Local colleges, day opportunities providers, Enterprise Coordinator. Speakers for Schools- World Cup of Careers.	National Careers Week to be attended by local businesses and employers. Speakers for Schools inspirational talks. Workshops delivered in school by local businesses. DWP Employability session.	Meetings with careers adviser. The Lincolnshire Show. Speakers for Schools work experience. Workshops delivered in school by local businesses.
Year 9	Pathway to Adulthood (previously known as Careers Fair) event for students, parents and carers attended by employers, local colleges, day opportunities providers, Enterprise Coordinator and the SEND Careers Officer for Lincolnshire. Speakers for Schools- World Cup of Careers.	National Careers Week to be attended by local businesses, college and employers. Speakers for Schools inspirational talks. Workshops delivered in school by local businesses. DWP Employability session.	No encounters- legislation requires encounters to take place by 28th of February in Year 9.
Year 10	Pathway to Adulthood (previously known as Careers Fair) event for students, parents and carers attended by employers, Local colleges, day opportunities providers, Enterprise Coordinator. Speakers for Schools- World Cup of Careers. Workshops delivered in school by local businesses.	National Careers Week to be attended by local businesses and employers. Speakers for Schools inspirational talks. Workshops delivered in school by local businesses. Workshops and mock interviews with DWP. DWP Employability session.	Meetings with careers adviser. Workshops and mock interviews with DWP. Speakers for Schools work experience. Workshops delivered in school by local businesses.
Year 11	Pathway to Adulthood (previously known as Careers Fair) - event for students, parents and carers attended by employers. local colleges, day opportunities providers. Enterprise Coordinator and the SEND Careers Officer for Lincolnshire. Speakers for Schools- World Cup of Careers. Workshops delivered in school by local businesses. Changemakers workshops and activities.	National Careers Week to be attended by local businesses and employers. Speakers for Schools inspirational talks. DWP workshop on apprenticeships, traineeships and T levels. Workshops delivered in school by local businesses. Annual 'Have a Go Day' attended by employers some of whom offer apprenticeships and supported internships, Enterprise Coordinator.	No encounters- legislation requires encounters to take place by 28th of February in Year 9. Confirmation of post 16 education and training destinations for all pupils.
Year 12	Pathway to Adulthood (previously known as Careers Fair) - event for students, parents and carers attended by employers. local colleges, day opportunities providers. Enterprise Coordinator and the SEND Careers Officer for Lincolnshire. Speakers for Schools- World	delivering a talk on studying at Boston College.	Meetings with careers adviser. Workshops and mock interviews with DWP. Speakers for Schools work experience. Workshops delivered in school by local businesses.

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	Cup of Careers. Workshops delivered in school by local businesses. Changemakers workshops and activities.		
Year 13	Careers Fair- event for students, parents and carers attended by employers, local colleges, day opportunities providers, Enterprise Coordinator and the SEND Careers Officer for Lincolnshire. Speakers for Schools- World Cup of Careers. Workshops delivered in school by local businesses. Changemakers workshops and activities.	National Careers Week to be attended by local businesses and employers. Changemakers workshops and activities. Speakers for Schools inspirational talks. Workshops delivered in school by local businesses. The Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge for schools and colleges programme (ASK programme) to inform students about Post 18 apprenticeships.	Meetings with careers adviser. Workshops and mock interviews with DWP. Speakers for Schools work experience. Workshops delivered in school by local businesses.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader or a member of their team.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Lead who will ensure that it is available to all pupils.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with the Careers and Enterprise Company via Provider.access@careersandenterprise.co.uk

Approval and review

This policy is reviewed annually by the LSB and was last reviewed on:

07/06/2026

Next review: 07/06/2027

Signed:



Chair of Governors: *Dave Anderson*

Signed:



Head teacher: Jessica Newcombe