



Provider Access Statement

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1. Introduction

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

1.1 Student entitlement

All students in Years 7-11 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. All local providers and students are invited to our yearly Post – 16 Event.
- 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.
- to an independent careers interview and to independent interview practise.

For students 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 8-9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (Year 10-11)

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
- Answer any questions from the students

2. Management of provider access requests

2.1 Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mr Graham Johnston (SLT responsible for Careers Lead) or Mrs Helen Woodhouse (Careers Lead)

Email: g.johnston@thefarnboroughacademy.com,
h.woodhouse@thefarnboroughacademy.com

The school reserves the right to decline requests for a number of reasons, including (but not restricted to) the following:

- If such attendance would provide an imbalance view of available provisions
- If the provider's input would not be relevant to a particular event if the request is not timely (e.g. The students have heard from similar providers throughout the year, or if they are involved in end of year exams)
- If the information is not seen to be in the best interests of the students or there are concerns about the ethics or quality of the provision.

3. Opportunities for access

The Academy offers a comprehensive Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance programme and an overview of this programme can be seen on the Academy website.

Please speak to our Careers Lead to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

The Academy will make a suitable space available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The Academy will also make available ICT and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Lead or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Lead so that they can be displayed in the Careers Section of the school library.

The school offers six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers the opportunity to come into school to speak to students or, in some instances, their parents or carers.

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

We have:

Two encounters for students during the 'first key phase' (Years 8 and 9) that are mandatory for all students to attend.

1. Year 8 – Assembly or workshop with a provider of approved technical education qualifications and /or apprenticeships (exact date to be agreed with the provider)
2. Year 9 – Assembly or workshop with a provider of approved technical education qualifications and /or apprenticeships (exact date to be agreed with the provider)

Two encounters for students during the 'second key phase' (Years 10 and 11) that are mandatory for all students to attend.

1. Year 10 – Assembly or workshop with a provider of approved technical education qualifications and /or apprenticeships (exact date to be agreed with the provider)
2. Year 11 – Assembly or workshop with a provider of approved technical education qualifications and /or apprenticeships (exact date to be agreed with the provider)

In addition to the mandatory encounters, we will offer providers further opportunities to come into school to speak to students or their parents/carers.

Additional opportunities currently include:

- Assembly slots throughout the Year. Specifically, IdeaGen, Confetti college, Nottingham College, Spencer Academies Trust Apprenticeships.
- Enrichment days- These happen when the normal timetable is cancelled and students have an area of focus which includes; college and university visits, post-16 applications and opportunities.
- Workshops- This includes external companies coming and providing training around CVs, Personal Statements and College Applications e.g. Barclays Life Skills, Experian experience, Unifrog next steps and Apprenticeship applications.
- Termly careers talk - We have a range of different careers visit the school including; doctors, solicitors, the armed forces, DJs, the care sector, media and online, careers in sports and many more. These are open to all students in all years. We welcome requests from all sectors, we particularly are looking to work with previous students.
- Year 9 Pathways Evenings – Led by each subject area to inform parents of GCSE options. FE and HE providers are welcome to attend.
- Careers Fair – Once a year a wide variety of sectors and FE providers come in to speak to students and parents. All years will attend.
- Careers Speed Networking event – Year 10 have the opportunity to spend an afternoon with employees and employers from a range of sectors and services including; Health services, Police, finance, teaching, customer services, media services, further education, sports coaching, higher education, manufacturing, programming & games design.
- One-One Careers Interviews – These take place for all Year 11 students to offer support and advice for Post 16 options.
- Exam Results Day- August – local colleges available for advice.

The school's policy on safeguarding sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

Previous Providers:

In previous terms we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils: Confetti College, Nottingham College, Loughborough College, Rushcliffe 6th Form, George Spencer 6th Form, IdeaGen (large local apprenticeship provider), Spencer Academies Trust Apprenticeships.

- Destinations of our pupils Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:
- 6th Form –12.70%
- College –71.43%
- Apprenticeships –5.56%

- Employment 0.79%
- Training Provider – 3.17%
- NEET – 6.35%

3.1 Complaints

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company

viaprovideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk