



Wreake Valley Academy

Provider Access Policy

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Signed on behalf of the Local Advisory Board

Chair of Local Advisory Board

Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to 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, 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); and
 - answer questions from pupils.
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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.

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

Previous providers

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

- Loughborough College group (Brooksby college, Melton college, Loughborough college)
 - Leicester college
 - De Montfort University
 - The University of Leicester
 - Bradgate Sixth Form
 - Melton Vale Sixth Form
 - Beauchamp City Sixth form
 - Gateway College
 - Heart Of England College- HOET
 - Loughborough University
 - The Fashion Technology Academy
 - NHS
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Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- Pupils staying in education or employment after key stage 4: 92%
- Pupils staying in education after key stage 4: 87%
 - Of which attended further education colleges or other education providers: 73%
 - OR, School sixth forms: 25%
 - or, sixth form colleges: 1.5%
- Pupils entering apprenticeships after key stage 4: 3%
- Pupils entering employment after key stage 4: 0.7%
- Destinations unknown: 5%
- Not in education, employment or training: 3%

Last year our year 13 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- Staying in education: 74%
 - Students entering apprenticeships: 1%
 - Students entering employment: 5%
 - Gap year then going to University: 8%
 - Destination unknown: 11%
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Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Kathryn Oliver, careers leader at careers@wreake.bepschools.org

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 imbalanced view of available provision (e.g. several apprenticeship providers at an event and no colleges);
- if the provider's input would not be relevant to a particular event if the request is not timely (e.g. students have already heard from similar providers during the year, or if they are involved in end of year exams);
- if the information is not seen to be in the best interest of pupils or there are concerns about the ethics or quality of the provision. In such cases, Head Teacher or the Careers Leader would inform the provider of this decision and the reason why. If the provider wishes to appeal this decision, they can contact the Head Teacher. If the provider wishes to appeal the decision received from the Head Teacher, they should contact the Chair of the Local Advisory Board at the school.

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked below 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 to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

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

1. **Year 7** – Virtual assembly in Summer term with a provider of approved technical education qualifications and/or apprenticeships
DATE tbc Leicester College (virtual)
2. **Year 8** – Assembly in Autumn Term with a provider of approved technical education qualifications and/or apprenticeships
Tuesday 8th December Loughborough college
DATE tbc Leicester College (virtual)
3. **Year 9** – Assembly in Autumn Term with a provider of approved technical education qualifications and/or apprenticeships
Wednesday 9th December Brooksby college

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

4. **Year 10** – Assembly in Autumn term with a provider of approved technical education qualifications and/or apprenticeships

Thursday 11th December Leicester college

DATE tbc De Montfort University

5. **Year 11** – Assembly in Autumn Term with a provider of approved technical education qualifications and/or apprenticeships

Friday 12th December Leicester college

DATE tbc University of Leicester

6. **Bradgate Inclusion Unit** – In class assembly in Autumn term with a provider of approved technical education and/or apprenticeships

Tuesday 8th December Loughborough college

Friday 12th December Leicester college

DATE tbc – visit to Brooksby college

(nb for 2025 only, the year 10 and year 11 will be Leicester college as ASK apprenticeship are no longer active. From 2026, Brooksby college will then be the provider for year 11 so that all students have heard from two different providers in each key phase)

Two encounters for pupils during the ‘third key phase’ (years 12 and 13) that are mandatory for the school to provide but optional for pupils to attend.

7. **Year 12** – Assembly in the Spring Term with a provider of approved technical education qualifications and/or apprenticeships (ASK Apprenticeships and local University - exact date to be agreed with provider)

8. **Year 13** – Assembly in the Autumn Term with a provider of approved technical education qualifications and/or apprenticeships – (ASK Apprenticeships - exact date to be agreed with provider)

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

careers@wreake.bepschools.org if you would like to contribute or have further questions.

Opportunities include:

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
Guess my job event 6/2/26	Enterprise day 22/6/26	Speed networking event 30/1/26 GCSE options evening 26/2/26 from 4pm	Careers fair, 21/05/26 from 3.30pm Work experience 29/06/26 to 03/07/26	Mock interviews 15/12/25	Work experience 22/06/26 to 26/06/26 B6 Careers fair including a speed networking event date TBC	Interview advice session. Day TBC
ALL YEAR GROUPS						
Green Careers week commencing 3/11/25 National apprenticeship week commencing 9/02/26 National Careers week commencing 2/3/26						

The school's policy on safeguarding sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students. [It can be read by clicking this link.](#)

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main foyer, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available AV and other 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 at Wreake Valley Academy, Parkstone Road, Syston, LE7 1LY

Complaints

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure admin@wreake.bepschools.org or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk.

Approval and review

This policy will be monitored and reviewed on an annual basis, to ensure that current legislation and best practice is recorded.