



Provider Access Policy

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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.

1. Student entitlement

All students 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 students of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for students during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for students during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 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 (including the opportunity to meet staff and students from the provider).
- Answer questions from students.

2. Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between students and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all students 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 students.

3. Previous providers

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

- Beauchamp City Sixth Form.
- Gateway College.
- Leicester College.
- Leicestershire Education Business Company (LEBC).
- Leicestershire Fire and Rescue.
- Leicestershire Police.
- Loughborough College Group.
- North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College (NWSLC).
- Severn Trent.
- Royal Air Force.
- Royal Navy.
- Wigston College.
- WQE College.

4. Destinations of our students

Last year our year 11 students moved to a range of providers in the local area after school including the following colleges and sixth forms. (Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of post-16 training providers. Our year 11 students also moved on to apprenticeships and other training providers are available.)

- Beauchamp City Sixth Form.
- English Martyrs Sixth Form.
- Gateway College.
- Leicester College.
- Loughborough College Group.
- NWSLC.
- WQE.
- Wigston College.

5. Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact: Anna Gilbert (Leader of Careers) on careers@fullhurst.leicester.sch.uk

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 students or there are

concerns about the ethics or quality of the provision. In such cases, Head of School 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 of School. If the provider wishes to appeal the decision received from the Head of School, they should contact the Chair of Governors at the school.

6. Opportunities for access

The school offers the four provider encounters required by law 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 students or their parents or carers.

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

Opportunities include:

Year 7

Event	Date	Time
The Careers Fair	Wednesday 11 th November 2026	16:00 – 17:30
An assembly with an apprenticeship provider during National Apprenticeship Week	Wednesday 10 th February 2027	08:30 – 09:05
An assembly with an employer during National Careers Week	Wednesday 3 rd March 2027	08:30 – 09:05
Workplace Safari	Tuesday 2 nd March 2027	09:05 – 15:05
Speed Networking Event	Thursday 24 th June 2027	09:05 – 14:05
Work Experience Day	Tuesday 10 th November 2026	09:05 – 15:05

Year 8

Event	Date	Time
The Careers Fair	Wednesday 11 th November 2026	16:00 – 17:30
An assembly with an apprenticeship provider during National Apprenticeship Week	Friday 12 th February 2027	08:30 – 09:05

An assembly with an employer during National Careers Week	Friday 5 th March 2027	08:30 – 09:05
Severn Trent Work Experience	Monday 9 th November 2026	09:05 – 15:05

Year 9

Event	Date	Time
The Careers Fair	Wednesday 11 th November 2026	12:20 – 17:30
An assembly with an apprenticeship provider during National Apprenticeship Week	Friday 12 th February 2027	08:30 – 09:05
An assembly with an employer during National Careers Week	Friday 5 th March 2027	08:30 – 09:05
Workplace Safari	22 nd June 2027	09:05 – 15:05

Year 10

Event	Date	Time
The Careers Fair	Wednesday 11 th November 2026	12:20 – 17:30
An assembly with an apprenticeship provider during National Apprenticeship Week	Thursday 11 th February 2027	08:30 – 09:05
An assembly with an employer during National Careers Week	Thursday 4 th March 2027	08:30 – 09:05
Work Experience	Monday 23 rd November – Friday 4 th December 2026	08:30 – 15:05
LEBC Careers Meetings	February – July 2027	08:30 – 15:05
University Campus visit	25 th June 2027	08:30 – 15:05

Year 11

Event	Date	Time
Future ready day – Mock Interviews	Thursday 12 th November 2026	09:05 – 15:05
The Careers Fair	Wednesday 11 th November 2026	12:20 – 17:30

An assembly with an apprenticeship provider during National Apprenticeship Week	Monday 8 th February 2027	08:30 – 09:05
An assembly with an employer during National Careers Week	Monday 1 st March 2027	08:30 – 09:05
Apprenticeships Fair & workshops day	Monday 1 st March 2027	09:05 – 15:05
WQE Assembly	Monday 23 rd November 2026	08:30 – 09:05
Leicester College Assembly	Monday 9 th November 2026	08:30 – 09:05
NWSLC Assembly	Monday 26 th October 2026	08:30 – 09:05
Loughborough College Assembly	Monday 7 th December 2026	08:30 – 09:05
Beauchamp City Sixth Form Assembly	Monday 12 th October 2026	08:30 – 09:05

The school's policy on [safeguarding](#) lays out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

7. Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, 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 students.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at Main Reception, Imperial Campus, Imperial Avenue, LE3 1AH.

8. Complaints

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

9. Approval and review

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

10. School statement

We believe this policy:

- Has been reviewed by relevant policy responsibility holders.
- Flows and is easy to follow.
- Is an essential part of the school.
- Supports staff in managing certain situations.
- Forms an important framework that will ensure consistency in applying values and principles throughout the establishment.
- Provides guidance, consistency, accountability, efficiency, and clarity on how the school operates.
- Provides a roadmap for day-to-day operations.
- Ensures compliance with laws and regulations, gives guidance for decision-making, and streamlining internal processes.
- Is available to all relevant Stakeholders.