

Provider Access Policy 2024-2025 (Updated 24/10/24)

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 schools legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, updated in the 'Skills for Jobs' White Paper published in January 2023.

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)
- 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. 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:

- BBC – Apprenticeships

- ASK – Apprenticeship support
- Nestle’ – Apprenticeships
- Home Office/Civil Service - Apprenticeships
- Airbus – Apprenticeships
- Armed Forces – Apprenticeships
- Air-Products
- Aldi
- NHS
- Wirral Metropolitan FE College
- LLS Sports Academy
- Steven Gerrard Academy
- Reeseheath Agricultural College
- LIPA

In 2024-2025, we have added:

- Birkenhead Sixth Form
- Liverpool Life Science

Going forward, we will continue to build meaningful partnerships with a variety of further education and higher education establishments, as well as consolidating and developing our relationships with local and national business organisations. In addition, we will add to our Alumni as former students leave us to pursue what we hope will be truly rewarding futures.

Destination Data for our pupils – Year 11 (2023-24)

Last year (Sept. 2024) our year 11 pupils moved to a range of providers as detailed below:

Destination	Number of students
St John Plessington	114
Wirral Metropolitan College	52
Birkenhead Sixth Form	38
Apprenticeships	29
West Cheshire College	5
City of Liverpool College	4
CareerConnect Engage	4
TTE (Engineering)	3
Unable to contact	3
Neet	2
Rocket Training	2
Tranmere Rovers Academy	2
Moved area	2
Morthyng College	1

Liverpool Life Science	1
Steven Gerrard Academy	1
MLMA Academy	1
Everton Football College	1
Bebington Co-op Academy	1
Ellesmere Port Sixth Form	1
Wirral Grammar	1
Coleg Cambria	1
Army	1
Royal Air Force	1
Reaseheath Agricultural College	1
TOTAL	272

Destination Data for our pupils – year 13 (2023-2024)

Last year (**Sept. 2024**) our **year 13** pupils moved to a range of providers after leaving sixth form:

DESTINATION	Number of pupils
Liverpool John Moores University	33
University of Liverpool	8
Gap Year	8
Edge Hill University	6
University of Chester	4
Manchester Metropolitan University	4
University of Lancaster	3

Liverpool Hope University	3
University of Nottingham	3
University of Central Lancashire	2
University of Newcastle	2
Durham University	2
Wrexham University	2
UCFB	2
Employment	2
Brighton University	1
University of Edinburgh	1
Salford University	1
Greenwich University	1
Bangor University	1
Westminster University	1
Northumbria University	1
Hull University	1
Reaseheath Agricultural College	1
TTE (Engineering)	1
Resits	1
TOTAL	95

Management of provider access requests:

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Les Wellens

Careers Lead – HFCMAT

Via email – leswellens@hfcmat.com

Or contact by phone – 0151 645 5049 – Extension 311

Opportunities for access

The school facilitates at least six ‘training provider’ encounters, during the three ‘key phases’, on a rolling basis, as required by law (**marked in bold text**), as well as a number of additional ‘whole year’ events, integrated into the school careers programme.

An overview of the last two ‘full calendar’ years is provided below. Provisional dates for planned events for 2024-2025 will be entered in the school calendar and will be added to as the year progresses, dependent on events being sourced and requests agreed.

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

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

CAREERS 2024-25	SJP				
YEAR GROUP	EVENT	EVENT	EVENT	EVENT	EVENT
YEAR 7	Conway Centre (Anglesey) Residential (Edsential) – talks on skillsets –comm. Skills, leadership, resilience, team-building - 6 th to 8 th Nov. incl.				
YEAR 8	Careers Fair – over 25+ organisations in main hall – FE/HE and companies providing direct access for students to discuss future pathways/qualifi cations/future courses 5/12/24	National Careers Challenge - led by ‘The inspirational Learning Group’ – all day event where students are given a business presentation, set a business challenge and present ideas to peers (winners go to National Finals) – 26 th Feb or 27 th March 2025 –			

		provisional dates - TBC			
YEAR 9	Careers Fair – over 25+ organisations in main hall – FE/HE and companies providing direct access for students to discuss future pathways/qualifi cations/future courses 5/12/24	Nestle workshop seminars x 3 (1 hour sessions) to provide information/gui dance on apprenticeship opportunities/ employability skills and subject choices, prior to options evening - dates TBC	Options Evening – all students/parent invited in to discuss option choices – ASK and CareerConnect in attendance to give talks/provide advice/guidance 13/3/25		
YEAR 9 cont'd.					
YEAR 10	Careers Fair – over 25+ organisations in main hall – FE/HE and companies providing direct access for students to discuss future pathways/qualifi cations/future courses 5/12/24				
YEAR 11	Careers Fair – over 25+ organisations in main hall – FE/HE and companies providing direct access for students to discuss future pathways/qualifi cations/future courses 5/12/24	Sixth Form Open Evening – all students and parents invited – universities present, along with CareerConnect, to provide information/ad vice on future choices/courses /pathways – 7/11/24			

YEAR 12	University and App. Fair – Anfield – all students – range of unis and apprenticeship providers, plus workshops on uni life/finance/accommodation. 15/10/24	HIVE Careers Fair – 60+ exhibitors from FE/HE and app. Companies providing LMI on future opportunities, local and national. 12/11/24	National Apprenticeship Show – Liverpool Exhibition Centre – national event showcasing the top apprenticeship companies and opportunities, local and national – 26/11/24	Hope University Campus visit – whole year - tour of campus/ taster sessions and courses available 10/12/24 TBC – cost dependent	Careers Fair – over 25+ organisations in main hall – FE/HE and companies providing direct access for students to discuss future pathways/qualifications/future courses 5/12/24
Year 12 cont'd.	Edge Hill University - Campus Trip – whole year group – all day campus tour/talk – taster session – university life/accommodation visit – 27/03/25	UCAS Discovery Day – all day session on the process of UCAS applications – seminar talks – 17/06/25	Whole Year Group – Work Exp. Week – w/c 30/06/25	Careers Pathway Week – w/c 7/07/25 Includes Home Office assembly, ASK assembly, Assessment Centre and 'Mock Interview' Day – led by external interviewers from business	
Year 13	Careers Fair – over 25+ organisations in main hall – FE/HE and companies providing direct access for students to discuss future pathways/qualifications/future courses 5/12/24	National Apprenticeship Show – Liverpool Exhibition Centre – national event showcasing the top apprenticeship companies and opportunities, local and national – 26/11/24			

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, drama studio, 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 can provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian, or the sixth form 'careers information' area. The Resource Centre is available to all pupils at lunch and break times.

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

Approval and review

Approved TBC by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee

Next review: TBC

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Signed: [Eithne Comerford] Vice chair of Governors, Careers link Governor

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Signed:[Peadar McLoughlin] Headteacher