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Introduction

This policy 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 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;
- to hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through appropriately organised events such as 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).

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 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.

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 providers from the local area to speak to our pupils, including:

- North Lindsey College (DN Colleges Group)
- John Leggott College
- Bishop Burton College
- Grimsby Institute
- QEHS, Gainsborough
- ASK Apprenticeships
- HETA
- Engineering UTC Northern Lincolnshire
- HOP

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to a range of providers after school:

• John Leggott College	119 students
• North Lindsey College	114 students
• Bishop Burton	2 students
• Other FE College	7 students
• Apprenticeships/Traineeships	16 students
• Out of Area	1 student
• Employment	1 students

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Karen Braithwaite, Deputy Headteacher,

Telephone: 01724 292930 Email: kbraithwaite@fqs.org.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the four provider encounters required by law (in bold) 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/carers.

Please speak to Miss Braithwaite/Our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Academic tutorials Lunchtime careers sessions	Academic tutorials Lunchtime careers sessions	Academic tutorials Challenge Day
Year 8	Academic tutorials Lunchtime careers sessions Careers Convention	Academic tutorials Lunchtime careers sessions Assembly for post 16 provider	Academic tutorials Challenge Day
Year 9	Careers Convention Lunchtime careers sessions	KS4 Information Events Lunchtime careers sessions	Challenge Day

		North Lincolnshire Careers Event Meeting with Careers Adviser	
Year 10	Careers Convention Lunchtime careers sessions	Lunchtime careers sessions Work experience preparation sessions	Post 16 Taster sessions at JLC. Technical/ vocational tasters at NLC. Meeting with Careers Adviser
Year 11	Meeting with Careers Adviser Meetings with Post 16 organisations Careers Convention Lunchtime careers sessions Local College Assemblies Apprenticeship Assembly	Meeting with Careers Adviser Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options Lunchtime careers sessions Provider Roadshow Event	

Premises and facilities

The school will make space available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also endeavour to make available requested equipment to support provider presentations. All will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with Miss Braithwaite or our Careers Leader.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature for the fully staffed library which is available to all students 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

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Signed:



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