

Belper School & Sixth Form Centre: 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 and The Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022.

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 and 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 7 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 apprenticeship 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 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 years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- Derby College Group
- Juniper Training

- Ask Apprenticeships
- Stepnell
- DHL
- Rolls-Royce
- Bowmer & Kirkland
- Concrete Repairs Ltd
- GBS Apprenticeships
- East Midlands Railway
- Alliance Health Care

Destinations of our Pupils

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

- Belper School Sixth Form
- Derby College
- Juniper Training
- Nottingham College
- Confetti Institute
- Bilborough College
- Denison College
- Chesterfield College
- Chameleon Construction
- Belper Town Football Club
- The Ecclesbourne School
- Anthony Gell School
- Landau Forte Academy
- Highfields School
- Loughborough College
- Studio 79
- R.E.A.L Education
- Allestree Woodlands School
- Addict Dance Academy
- Learning Curve
- Apprenticeships with K.R. Construction, Bowmer & Kirkland, Rolls-Royce, Clip & Climb

Last Year our year 13 students moved on to a range of providers:

- University of Derby
- Nottingham University
- Nottingham Trent University
- The University of Liverpool
- Sheffield Hallam University
- The University of Sheffield
- University of Cambridge
- The University of Bristol

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Mr Richard Leach

Careers Coordinator

rbl@belperschool.co.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text) and a number of additional events, integrated in to the school's careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to come in to school to speak to pupils or their parents of carers.

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

Year 8	<p>Careers Inspiration Day Workshops and presentations various providers including apprenticeship providers and those offering other post-16 opportunities.</p> <p>Work shadowing and virtual work experience Students offsite taking part in work shadowing or onsite taking part in virtual work experience</p> <p>PSE programme careers sessions Careers lessons</p>
Year 9	<p>FE presentation T-Levels and other post-16 opportunities</p> <p>Presentation on apprenticeships Local provider to deliver an apprenticeship presentation</p> <p>Meetings with the careers advisor Opportunities for year 9 students to discuss year 9 options</p> <p>PSE programme careers component Careers lessons</p>
Year 10	<p>University visit Students offsite visiting a higher education institution</p> <p>Presentation on apprenticeships Local provider to deliver an apprenticeship presentation</p> <p>PSE programme careers component Careers lessons</p>

	<p>Mock interview day Representatives from local businesses and educational providers interview students 1:1</p>
Year 11	<p>Presentation on apprenticeships Local provider to deliver an apprenticeship presentation</p> <p>FE presentation T-Levels and other post-16 opportunities</p> <p>PSE programme careers component Careers lessons</p> <p>Careers interviews Students receive a 1:1 interview with an independent careers advisor to discuss their next steps</p>
Year 12	<p>University visit Students offsite visiting a higher education institution</p> <p>University visit (Build my future) Students offsite visiting a higher education institution. Employers, apprenticeship providers, higher education talks.</p> <p>Work experience Students offsite taking part in work experience</p>
Year 13	<p>Careers interviews Students receive a 1:1 interview with an independent careers advisor to discuss their next steps</p>

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school will 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 Coordinator.

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

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the careers resource area of the school library. The careers area is available to pupils at lunch and break times.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised in the first instance by following the school complaints procedure.

Approval by Governors

14th December 2023