



Soar Valley College

A SPECIALIST MATHS AND COMPUTING COLLEGE

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PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY STATEMENT

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November 2024	Updated list of providers Updated destinations of 2023 cohort

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students 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.

Student entitlement

All students in years 8-11 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 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 students of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for year 8 to 9 students and two encounters for year 10 to 11 students.

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.

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.

Previous providers

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

ADFD Academy	Juniper Training
Allied Medical Health	Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust
Army	Leicester College
Ask Project - Apprenticeships	Leicester College Apprenticeships
Beauchamp City Sixth Form	Leicester College Performing Arts
Beauchamp College	Leicester Employment Hub
Bradgate Sixth Form	Leicester Riders Basketball Foundation
Cedars Academy	Leicester Tigers Foundation
Connexions Leicester City	NHS
Contract Flooring	North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College

De Montfort Univeristy	Police
Department of Work & Pensions	RAF
Derby College - The Roundhouse - on behalf of Caterpillar	Royal Navy & Marines
EAN	Sainsbury's
Engineering (Aeronautical)	Skills for Care
English Martyrs Catholic School	St Paul's Catholic School
FSD Academy	Stephenson/Melton/Brooksby College Group
Gateway College	TFL
Heart of England Training	The City of Leicester College
ICAEW	Twenty Twenty Training
Leicestershire Cares	University of Birmingham
Leicestershire Education Business Company	University of Leicester
LLR Workforce	University of Nottingham
Loros	Webs Training Ltd
Loughborough College	Wise Origin
Loughborough College Apprenticeships	Work pays
Loughborough University	WQE1 College
MGTs Apprenticeships	Trans4M
National Space Academy	
NCS National Citizen Service	

Destinations of our students

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

Year 11 2023 (November 1st 2023)

Apprenticeships	0.3%
Education- further education	31.0%
Education- school sixth form	2.5%
Education- sixth form college	62.7%
Employment without training	0.6%
ESFA funded work-based learning	0.3%
NEET	2.2%
Other	0.3%

Management of provider access requests procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Claire Houlton, Careers Leader.

Telephone Number: (0116) 2669625 Email: careers@soarvalley.leicester.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme.

Two encounters for students during the “first key phase” (Year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all students to attend).

Two encounters for students during the “second key phase” (year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all students to attend)

We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students or their parents or carers. Providers should speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. Opportunities include;

- morning registration webinars
- Assembly slots
- Apprenticeship workshops
- Lunchtime career talks
- In-school workshops

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 (eg 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 (e.g. if the provider is promoting a ‘hard-sell’ of their provision, rather than enabling students to make an informed decision; or there are concerns about the ethics or quality of the provision). In such cases, Principal 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 Principal, they should contact the Chair of Governors at the school.

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 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 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 the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre 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

Monitoring

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to pupils are monitored by the Careers Leader, and through this role by the Senior Leadership Team.

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

This policy follows guidelines set out by

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/672418/Careers_guidance_and_access_for_education_and_training_providers.pdf