



Application for 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.

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8 to 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 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 learn or train with that provider (including the opportunity to meet staff and pupils from the provider) 56
- 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:

- BEMIX
- The Education People
- Supa Jam
- North Kent College
- Catch 22
- White rocks
- Kite College
- Mid Kent College
- Brogdale Farm
- K Connect – sport
- Nacro

Destinations of our pupils

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

Destination – 2022-2023	Number of Learners	Number of Learners ACP
Alternative provision	8	5
FE College	3	4
Unknown	0	0
Out of area LAC transfer	0	0
NEET	1	3
Internship	0	4
Apprenticeship	0	0
Employment	0	2
Rowhill total leaving	12	18

Destination – 2021-2022	Number of Learners
Alternative provision	4
FE College	2
Unknown	0
Out of area LAC transfer	0
NEET	0
Internship	0
Apprenticeship	0
Employment	0
Rowhill total leaving	6

Destination – 2020-2021	Number of Learners
Alternative provision	7
FE College	8
Unknown	1
Out of area LAC transfer	1
NEET	2
Internship	0
Apprenticeship	0
Employment	0
Rowhill total leaving	19

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mrs Sarah Griffey, Head of Secondary (Contact me on: griffeys@rowhill.kent.sch.uk).

Opportunities for access

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

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

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Provider encounter - TBC	Provider encounter - TBC	
Year 9	Provider encounter - TBC	Provider encounter - TBC	Transition meeting for vocational pathways.

Year 10		The Education People – Apprenticeship talk Bemix – internships North Kent Colleges	
Year 11	Annual review meetings for career way options.	The Education People – Apprenticeship talk North Kent Colleges Individual post 16 visits: Supajam Catch 22 Brogdale Sixth forms Bemix – internships 360 Careers event	

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 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 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. 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 18th July 2024 by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee

Next review: September 2025

Signed: Chair of Governors

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