

## **Information for Providers**

### **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.

### **Student Entitlement**

All students in Years 7 to 13 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship 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 a full range of academic and technical courses.

**For students in Years 7 – 9, there will be a minimum of two encounters before 28 February of Year 9. There will be a minimum of two further encounters for students during Years 10 and 11, before 28 February in Year 11. For students in Years 12 and 13, there will be a minimum of two provider encounters made available, which are optional for students to attend.**

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours of 9.00am to 3.45pm 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 Careers and Enterprise Company's Making It Meaningful Checklist.

[1207 meaningful encounters checklist 1.pdf \(careersandenterprise.co.uk\)](#) Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that provide live online engagement with our students.

## **Previous Providers**

During recent terms, we have invited the following providers to speak to our students:

- Lincoln College
- Bishop Burton (Riseholme) College
- Access Creative College
- John Leggott College
- Lincoln UTC
- LAGAT (independent training provider)
- Priory Apprenticeships
- Lincoln City Sports Foundation (independent training provider)
- Inspire + (independent training provider)
- Doncaster Horseracing College
- University of Lincoln
- Bishop Grosseteste University
- Lancaster University
- University of East Anglia

## **Destinations of our Students**

Last year, our Year 11 students moved to a range of providers from the local area after school, with just under half attending our Sixth Form and the rest attending local Further Education colleges, with a few taking up apprenticeships.

Our Year 13 students moved to a range of providers after school, with 75% going on to study at university and other students taking up apprenticeships, employment or pursuing a gap year.

## **Management of Provider Access Requests**

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mrs Roberts, Careers Coordinator, at [c.roberts@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:c.roberts@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk) or on 01673 866900.

## **Opportunities for Access**

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law, but also aims to provide a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We are happy to offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students or their parents or carers. Please speak to our Careers Coordinator to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. All access arrangements will be subject to the school's safeguarding policy.

## **Complaints Procedure**

Any complaints about our Provider Access Policy or our access arrangements should be made to Mrs Bates, Careers Lead, on 01673 866900.