



Greater Peterborough UTC

Provider Access Policy

APPROVAL AND REVIEW

Reviewed every 2 years or at the point of new legislation.

Next review: 1st January 2027

INTRODUCTION

This policy statement sets out Greater Peterborough UTC'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 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 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 year 8 to 9 pupils and two encounters for year 10 to 11 pupils. For pupils in 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 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)

- 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.

PREVIOUS PROVIDERS

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

- Peterborough College
- Stamford College
- Royal Air Force
- Army Careers
- City College
- ASK Apprenticeships
- ARU University
- UCP University

DESTINATIONS OF OUR PUPILS

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

- 35% remained at GPUTC
- 3% Other Sixth Form
- 51% College
- 8% Apprenticeship
- 3% Other

Last year our year 13 pupils moved to range of providers:

- 30% University
- 14% Employment
- 26% Apprenticeships
- 15% College
- 15% Other

MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUESTS PROCEDURE

A provider wishing to request access should contact Pete Kelley, Careers Lead

pkelley@gputc.org or 01733 715950

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text in the table below) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Year 7	Industry Insight Days	Industry Insight Days Unifrog Introduction National Careers Week. Assembly	Industry Insight Days Unifrog sessions – Scheduled Tutor Time
Year 8	Unifrog sessions – Scheduled Tutor Time Industry Insight Days	Industry Insight Days Unifrog Reminder National Careers Week. Assembly Apprenticeships and Technical Pathway Awareness Presentation	Unifrog sessions – Scheduled Tutor Time Industry Insight Days
Year 9	Unifrog sessions – Scheduled Tutor Time Industry Insight Days	Unifrog sessions – Scheduled Tutor Time Industry Insight Days Apprenticeships and Technical Pathway Awareness Presentation	Unifrog sessions – Scheduled Tutor Time Industry Insight Days
Year 10	Unifrog sessions – Scheduled Tutor Time Industry Insight Days 1-2-1 Meetings with careers professional	Unifrog sessions – Scheduled Tutor Time Work experience preparation Industry Insight Days 1-2-1 Meetings with careers professional Apprenticeships and Technical Pathway Awareness Presentation	Unifrog sessions – Scheduled Tutor Time Work Experience Industry Insight Days 1-2-1 Meetings with careers professional

Year 11	1-2-1 Meetings with careers professional Post 16 application Post 16 Destination Capture 1 Industry Insight Days Unifrog sessions – Scheduled Tutor Time 1-2-1 Academic Mentoring	1-2-1 Meetings with careers professional Apprenticeship- support with applications. (employer led) 1-2-1 Meetings with careers professional Post 16 Destination Capture 2 Industry Insight Days Apprenticeships and Technical Pathway Awareness Presentation	Confirmation of Post 16 destinations for all pupils
Year 12	1-2-1 Meetings with careers professional Workshops – HE and higher apprenticeship applications Industry Insight Days Unifrog sessions – Scheduled Tutor Time 1-2-1 Academic Mentoring	Work Experience 1-2-1 Meetings with careers professional University trip to explore a wider range of post 18 opportunities Workshops – HE and higher apprenticeship applications Industry Insight Days Unifrog sessions – Scheduled Tutor Time 1-2-1 Academic Mentoring Apprenticeships and Technical Pathway Awareness Presentation	University trip to explore a wider range of post 18 opportunities Introduction to University application 1-2-1 Meetings with careers professional Industry Insight Days Unifrog sessions – Scheduled Tutor Time 1-2-1 Academic Mentoring
Year 13	1-2-1 Meetings with careers professional Post 18 application support Industry Insight Days Post 18 Destination Capture 1 Unifrog sessions – Scheduled Tutor Time 1-2-1 Academic Mentoring	Apprenticeship Assessment Centre (Sponsor Led) Workshops – HE and higher apprenticeship applications Industry Insight Days Post 18 Destination Capture 2 Unifrog sessions – Scheduled Tutor Time 1-2-1 Academic Mentoring Apprenticeships and Technical Pathway Awareness Presentation	Confirmation of post 18 education destinations for all pupils

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 can provide live online engagement with our pupils. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature, which will be accessible to pupils.

COMPLAINTS

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised through the Meridian Trust complaints procedure.