



# Northstowe Learning Community

## Provider Access Legislation

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# **PROVIDER ACCESS STATEMENT**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

This policy statement sets out the Northstowe Learning Community 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.

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

Cambridge Regional College (FE College and apprenticeship provider)  
Comberton Sixth Form (FE College)  
Hills Road Sixth Form College (FE College)  
Long Road Sixth Form College (FE college)  
Cambridge Academy of Science and Technology (FE College)  
Impington International College (FE College)  
The Oakes (FE College)  
College of West Anglia (FE College and Apprenticeship provider)  
Chesterton Sixth Form (FE College)  
Cambridge Maths School (FE college)  
Army Careers (Apprenticeship provider)  
Northstowe Sixth Form (FE College)

## DESTINATIONS OF OUR PUPILS

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

- 15.38% Remained at Northstowe Sixth Form
- 43.96% Other Sixth Form
- 30.77% College
- 4.40% Apprenticeship
- 1.10% Sport Scholarships
- 2.20% Employment with Training
- 2.20% Other

## MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUESTS

### PROCEDURE

A provider wishing to request access should contact Adam Roberts, Careers Lead and Assistant Headteacher ([ARoberts@northstowe.education](mailto:ARoberts@northstowe.education)) or Emma Leaney, Careers Coordinator ([ELeaney@northstowe.education](mailto:ELeaney@northstowe.education)) by email or on 01223 343800.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS

The school offers 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. Our 2024-25 provider encounters are as follows.

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

	<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Summer Term</b>
Year 8	Unifrog Quiz Activity - <i>Students take part various quizzes on Unifrog's platform, to help with initial exploration ahead of choosing their GCSE options in Spring.</i>	<p>Form the Future Careers Carousel – <i>Employers are invited to discuss their career paths and promote company opportunities to small groups of students in short sessions.</i></p> <p><b>Cambridge Regional College Assembly</b>– <i>An opportunity for students to gain a good understanding of vocational/technical subjects and apprenticeships, what careers they lead to, and what it is like to study at a further education college, as well as giving them lots of opportunities to ask questions.</i></p>	No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 8.
Year 9	Form the Future Enterprise Day – <i>Students work in small teams to create and develop business ideas to then pitch their favourite to professionals.</i>	<b>College of West Anglia Assembly</b> – <i>An opportunity for students to gain a good understanding of vocational/technical subjects and apprenticeships, what careers they lead to, and what it is like to study at a further education college, as well as giving them lots of opportunities to ask questions.</i>	Unifrog Escape Room Activity - <i>Students take part in a fun escape room activity which will test their teamwork and communication skills, whilst developing work skills.</i>
Year 10	Form the Future Employability Skills Workshop – <i>Students take part in an interactive workshop that introduces understanding soft skills, CV writing and more.</i>	<p><b>Apprenticeships Careers Fair</b> – <i>Event at Impington Village College where students can meet Apprenticeship employers to learn about apprenticeships and gain insight into different sectors.</i></p> <p><b>Cambridge Regional College Assembly</b>– <i>An opportunity for students to gain a good understanding of vocational/technical subjects and apprenticeships, what careers they lead to, and what it is like to study at a further education college, as well as giving them lots of opportunities to ask questions.</i></p>	<p>Work Experience Placement Week – <i>Opportunity for students to gain an insight into the 'World of Work' and to help prepare them for the responsibilities and opportunities of adult life.</i></p> <p>1:1 Careers Guidance Meetings - <i>To give students the opportunity to discuss their career aspirations and gain advice and guidance from a qualified careers advisor. It also allows students to receive more in-depth careers and guidance for students who are unsure of next steps.</i></p>

Year 11	<p><b>Aim Apprenticeships Assembly</b> – As part of a Year 11 Applications Drop Down Day, a workshop involving increasing knowledge and awareness about apprenticeships and T-Levels, and the different pathways that you could take into apprenticeships and T-levels.</p>	<p>Preparing for Post-16 sessions – including working on applications and personal statements, preparing for interviews and applying for alternate pathways.</p> <p>Mock Interviews and Assessment Centre – As part of Year 11 ‘Future Ready’ Day, students complete a mock interview with an external professional as well as take part in a mock assessment centre activity, to simulate what this may look like when applying for a job or an apprenticeship.</p>	<p>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 11.</p>
Year 12	<p>Unifrog Exploration and Work Experience Launch - Students take part in exploration on Unifrog’s platform to look at the various pathways available at Post-18. Work experience programme is launched for July 2025.</p>	<p><b>College of West Anglia Assembly</b> – An opportunity for students to gain a good understanding of the degree and apprenticeship options available, what careers they lead to, and what it is like to study at a higher education college, as well as giving them lots of opportunities to ask questions.</p> <p><b>National University and Apprenticeship Fair</b> – A trip to Leicester King Power Stadium to explore different universities and apprenticeship providers.</p> <p><b>Apprenticeships Careers Fair</b> – Event at Impington Village College where students can meet Apprenticeship employers to learn about apprenticeships and gain insight into different sectors.</p>	<p>Work Experience Placement Week – Opportunity for students to gain an insight into the ‘World of Work’ and to help prepare them for the responsibilities and opportunities of adult life.</p>
Year 13	<p>As we are a secondary school with a new sixth form, we do not yet have a Year 13 cohort.</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 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, which will be accessible to pupils.

## **COMPLAINTS**

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

## **APPROVAL AND REVIEW**

Approved by the school's Academy Council, reviewed every 2 years or at the point of new legislation.

Next review: 1st January 2027