

PROVIDER ACCESS STATEMENT

SHARNBROOK ACADEMY

INTRODUCTION

This policy statement sets out the 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

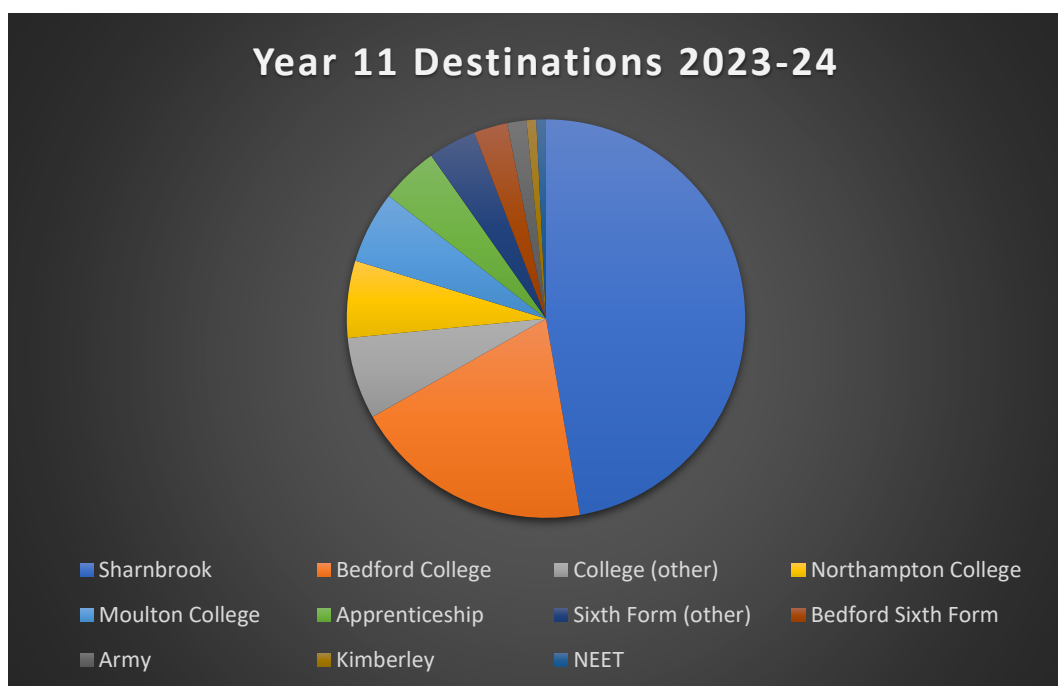
In previous terms/years we have invited many providers from the local area to speak to our pupils, a small selection is shown below:

- Shuttleworth College
- Moulton College
- Northampton College
- Bedfordshire Colleges Group
- University of Bedfordshire
- University of East Anglia
- Amazing Apprenticeships

Many more providers from employment, higher and further education sectors and apprenticeship providers speak during our annual Destinations week programme, and throughout the year.

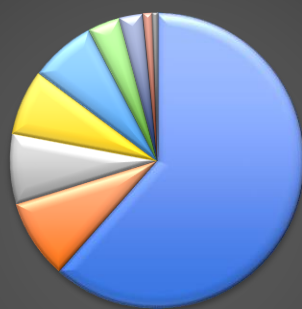
DESTINATIONS OF OUR PUPILS

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



In 2024 our year 13 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area post sixth form:

Year 13 Destinations 2023-24



University No response Apprenticeship
Gap Year Work Differed
Bedford College Other College

MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUESTS

PROCEDURE

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Mr D Baxby

Senior Assistant Headteacher

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS

The school offers the provider encounters required by law 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	Parents information evening	Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Include local colleges and apprenticeship providers	Drop down day – ‘Who am I?’
Year 8	KS4 options week Drop down day – ‘What does the future look like’ Parents information evening	Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Include local colleges and apprenticeship providers	
Year 9	Parents information evening	Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Include local colleges and apprenticeship providers	Big Bang fair Birmingham
Year 10	Post 16 options assembly with General Further Education College. Life preparation sessions Meetings with careers adviser	Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Include local colleges and apprenticeship providers Meetings with careers adviser Drop down day – ‘Preparing for the what next’	Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers Meetings with careers adviser
Year 11	Drop down day – ‘what is next’ Parents information evening Post 16 provider open evenings. Post 16 providers assemblies Oxbridge and early entry evening Meetings with careers adviser	Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Include local colleges and apprenticeship providers Post-16 interviews Meetings with careers adviser	No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 11. Confirmation of post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils.

	Post 16 application.		
Year 12	Parents information evening Oxbridge and early entry evening Xplore lecture series Meetings with careers adviser	Destination's week XPlore lecture series Meetings with careers adviser.	UCAS fair Apprenticeship's fair Xplore lecture series Meetings with careers adviser Work experience
Year 13	Xplore lecture series Meetings with careers adviser	Destinations fortnight XPlore lecture series Meetings with careers adviser.	No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 13.

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: 10th January 2027