

PROVIDER ACCESS STATEMENT

Stamford Welland Academy

INTRODUCTION

This policy statement sets out the Stamford Welland Academy 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

This is a sample of providers that have spoken to our students in recent years:

- Stamford College
- Stamford Endowed Schools
- Harington School
- Berry Engineering
- ZSL London

DESTINATIONS OF OUR PUPILS

Situation Name	2021	2022	2023
Apprenticeship	4	1	
Employment without Training	1	2	1
Employment with Training	1	1	1
Further Education	56	79	76
NEET Available	3		
NEET Not Available		1	
Not Known	2	4	28
School Sixth Form	5	14	10
Work Experience Not Paid			1
	72	102	117

MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUESTS

PROCEDURE

A provider wishing to request access should contact S Swain, Assistant Principal via email at sswain@stamfordwellandacademy.org

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS

The school offers the four provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. The table below shows the core offer and this is supplemented by a wide variety of other encounters in all curriculum areas throughout the year. We always welcome other organisations to speak to groups of our students.

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

Assembly opportunities and delivery of careers sessions during our Learning for Life programme are available for all year groups in all terms. Please contact us if you are interested in delivering a session.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8		Careers and Post 16 Fair Year 8 Options Evening involving careers options for the different subjects National Apprenticeship Week talks	
Year 9		Careers and Post 16 Fair National Apprenticeship Week talks	
Year 10	Launch of year 10 Work Experience	Careers and Post 16 Fair National Apprenticeship Week talks	Work Experience
Year 11	Assembly opportunities for Post 16 Providers Mock Interviews	Careers and Post 16 Fair National Apprenticeship Week talks	

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