



PROVIDER ACCESS STATEMENT

The Ferrers School

INTRODUCTION

This policy statement sets out The Ferrers School 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 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 students at compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for year 8 to 9 students and two encounters for year 10 to 11 students.

For students 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 students 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 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 [Making it Meaningful](#) checklist.

PREVIOUS PROVIDERS

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

- Moulton College
- Bedford/Tresham College (NCMS (National College for Motorsport) is part of the Bedford College Group)
- Northampton College
- ASK Apprenticeships
- Starting Off – Apprenticeship Provider
- NHS Careers Academy - Apprenticeship Provider
- Key Training – Apprenticeship Provider
- eVolve your Future – Apprenticeship Provider
- University of Northampton

DESTINATIONS OF OUR STUDENTS

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

- School 6th form 24%
- Other Sixth Form 7%
- FE College 66% (Bedford College, Moulton College, Northampton College, Tresham College)
- Apprenticeship 2%
- Other 1%

Last year our year 13 students moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- University 58%
- Apprenticeship 10%
- Employment 10%
- Travel 3%
- Gap Year 19%

MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUESTS

PROCEDURE

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mrs. Karla Yates Careers Leader, 01933 313411 kyates@theferrers.org and/or Mrs. Yvonne Kenton Careers Coordinator ykenton@theferrers.org

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 8	KS4 options event – college and apprenticeship provider attending Year 8 guided preferences assembly attending to give presentations to students.	Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Includes local colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers and 5/10 minute presentations where students can ask questions Work Shadowing	
Year 9	Event for University Technical College. https://www.utc-silverstone.co.uk	Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Includes local colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers and 5/10 minute presentations where students can ask questions Meetings with Careers adviser	No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 9.
Year 10	Post 16 technical education options assembly with General Further Education College.	Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Includes local colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers and 5/10 minute presentations Meetings with Careers adviser	Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers. Meetings with Careers adviser Work experience

		<p>where students can ask questions</p> <p>Life Skills – work experience preparation sessions.</p>	
Year 11	<p>Post 16 provider open evenings.</p> <p>Post 16 apprenticeships assembly.</p> <p>Meetings with careers adviser.</p> <p>Post 16 application.</p>	<p>Post-16 interviews.</p> <p>Meetings with careers adviser</p> <p>Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Includes local colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers and 5/10 minute presentations where students can ask questions</p>	<p>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 11.</p> <p>Confirmation of post-16 education and training destinations for all students.</p>
Year 12	<p>Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options.</p>	<p>Meetings with careers adviser.</p> <p>Higher Education Fair for a variety of HE providers including local Further Education colleges.</p> <p>Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Includes local</p>	<p>Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers</p> <p>Post 18 assembly – with higher and degree apprenticeship providers.</p>

		colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers and 5/10 minute presentations where students can ask questions	
Year 13	<p>Meetings with careers adviser</p> <p>Workshops – HE and higher apprenticeship applications.</p>	<p>Meetings with careers adviser</p> <p>Higher Education Fair for a variety of HE providers including local Further Education colleges.</p> <p>Post 18 assembly – with higher and degree apprenticeship providers.</p> <p>Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Includes local colleges, universities and apprenticeship providers and 5/10 minute presentations where students can ask questions</p>	<p>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 13.</p> <p>Confirmation of post-18 education and training destinations for all students.</p>

PREMISES AND FACILITIES

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, 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 students. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature, which will be accessible to students.

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