



# **PROVIDER ACCESS STATEMENT**

## **The Harbour School**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This policy statement sets out The Harbour 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.

### **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**

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

Cambridge Regional College  
College of West Anglia  
Gs Fresh

## **DESTINATIONS OF OUR PUPILS**

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

- Bishop Laney Sixth Form College
- Cambridgeshire Regional College
- Centre School
- Peterborough College

## **MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUESTS**

### **PROCEDURE**

A provider wishing to request access should contact Miss Lise Sugden, Principal, [office@theharbour.academy](mailto:office@theharbour.academy), 01353 740229

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS**

The school offers the four 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.

	Careers Opportunities
<p>By the end of year 9</p>	<p>Careers day – presentations and research into different career options.</p> <p>Event for University Technical College.</p> <p>Examples of some UTCs in the Meridian Trust’s catchment area:</p> <p><a href="https://www.gputc.com">https://www.gputc.com</a> * <a href="https://www.cam-ast.org.uk">https://www.cam-ast.org.uk</a>  <a href="https://www.utc-silverstone.co.uk">https://www.utc-silverstone.co.uk</a></p> <p>*Part of the Meridian Trust</p> <p>Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Include local colleges and apprenticeship providers.</p>
<p>By the end of year 11</p>	<p>Post 16 education options assembly.</p> <p>Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers.</p> <p>Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers.</p> <p>Life Skills – work experience preparation sessions.</p> <p>Post 16 education options assembly.</p> <p>Post 16 provider open evenings.</p> <p>Post 16 application support and interview practice with careers advisor.</p> <p>Confirmation of post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils.</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 February 2027

