

PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

1. Aims

This policy statement aims to set out our school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students for the purpose of giving them information about their offer. It sets out:

- Procedures in relation to requests for access
- The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access
- Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

2. Statutory requirements

Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in years 8 to 13 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.

Schools must provide a minimum of 6 encounters with technical education or training providers to all pupils in years 8 to 13 (see more detail in section 2.1 below).

Schools must also have a policy statement that outlines the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to these students.

This is outlined in section 42B of the [Education Act 1997](#), the [Skills and Post-16 Act 2022](#) and on page 43 of guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on [careers guidance and access for education and training providers](#).

This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements.

2.1 The 6 encounters schools must offer to all pupils in years 8 to 13

Schools must offer:

- 2 encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 or 9)
 - All pupils must attend
 - Encounters can take place any time during year 8, and between 1 September and 28 February during year 9
- 2 encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 or 11)
 - All pupils must attend
 - Encounters can take place any time during year 10, and between 1 September and 28 February during year 11
- 2 encounters for pupils during the 'third key phase' (year 12 or 13)
 - Pupils can choose to attend
 - Encounters can take place any time during year 12, and between 1 September and 28 February during year 13

These encounters must happen for a reasonable period of time during the standard school day. Schools can continue to provide complementary experiences, but encounters outside of school hours won't count towards these requirements.

Schools must ask each provider to provide the following information as a minimum:

- Information about the provider and the approved qualifications or apprenticeships they offer
- Information about what careers those qualifications and apprenticeships can lead to
- What learning or training with the provider is like
- Answers to any questions from pupils

We will provide our students with these opportunities by hosting assemblies, talks and drop in sessions at the student hub. They will have the opportunity to ask questions at each event. We will have a career week once a term which will focus on a different sector each time to give students a wide variety of encounters.

3. Meaningful encounters with providers

Our school is committed to providing meaningful encounters for all pupils.

A meaningful encounter:

- Is where the pupil can explore what it is like to learn, develop and succeed in that environment
- Involves meeting both staff and learners/trainees
- Has a clear purpose
- Is underpinned by learning outcomes that are appropriate to the needs of the pupil
- Involves a 2-way interaction between the pupil and the provider
- Includes information about the provider, such as their recruitment and selection processes, the qualifications that the provider offers and the careers these could lead to
- Describes what learning or training with the provider is like
- Is followed by opportunities for the pupil to reflect on the insights, knowledge or skills gained through the encounter

4. Management of provider access requests

4.1 Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Samantha Turner, Head of Technology and Careers lead.

Telephone: 02380452105

Email: general@thehambleschool.co.uk

4.2 Information we ask from providers

As a school, we ask each provider to provide the following information for our pupils:

- Information about their provision and the approved qualifications or apprenticeships offered
- Information about what careers those qualifications and apprenticeships can lead to
- What learning or training will be like
- Answers to any questions from pupils

4.3 Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into our careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers. In the following table, are some examples of the opportunities provided for training and education providers to speak to students and/or their parents/carers.

	AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
YEAR 7	Careers week – Meaningful encounter plus tutor time activities	Careers week – Meaningful encounter plus tutor time activities	Careers week – Meaningful encounter plus tutor time activities
YEAR 8	Careers week – Meaningful encounter plus tutor time activities	Careers week – Meaningful encounter plus tutor time activities	Raising aspirations assembly Careers week – Meaningful encounter plus tutor time activities
YEAR 9	Raising Achievement Evening Careers week – Meaningful encounter plus tutor time activities	Careers Fair Careers week – Meaningful encounter plus tutor time activities	Raising aspirations assembly Careers week – Meaningful encounter plus tutor time activities
YEAR 10	Raising Achievement Evening Careers week – Meaningful encounter plus tutor time activities	PSHRE day Careers Fair Careers week – Meaningful encounter plus tutor time activities	Career appointments with EBP Raising aspirations assembly Careers week – Meaningful encounter plus tutor time activities College taster days
YEAR 11	Career appointments with EBP College assemblies Apprenticeship assembly Raising Achievement Evening Careers week – Meaningful encounter plus tutor time activities	Career appointments with EBP Careers Fair Careers week – Meaningful encounter plus tutor time activities	No encounters – encounters must have taken place by 28 February Confirmation of post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils

4.3 Granting and refusing access

The school calendar varies from year to year so providers need to contact the member of staff named above to identify the most suitable opportunity.

Access to students and/or parents will be granted on the understanding that information and guidance offered by providers is related to technical courses and apprenticeship opportunities only.

4.4 Safeguarding

Providers will be expected to meet the school's safeguarding requirements which can be found in the Safeguarding Policy Statement accessible on the school website. Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

4.5 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 projectors and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Reception to be made available to students.

5. Previous providers

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

- All local colleges
- PETA
- SETA
- NHS 350+
- Border Force
- Armed forces
- DPD
- Exomil
- Taylor Wimpy

6. Pupil destinations

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

- Barton Peveril College
- Itchen College
- Southern College
- Sparsholt College
- Apprenticeship routes

7. Monitoring arrangements

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students are monitored by Samantha Turner, Head of Technology and Careers lead.

This policy will be reviewed annually by Samantha Turner, Head of Technology and Careers lead.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the governing board.



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