

Orchard Mead Academy: Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to the school for the purpose of giving them information about provider's education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1977.

Pupil Entitlement

All pupils in Years 8 to 11 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training opportunities 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 pupils during the 'first key stage' (KS3 - Years 8 & 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key stage' (KS4 – Years 10 & 11). For pupils in the 'third key stage' (KS5 – Year 12 & 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.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide **live** online engagement with our pupils.

Previous Providers

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

Gateway College
Leicester College (Btecs, T-levels & apprenticeships)
North Warwickshire & South Leicester College (Btecs, T-Levels & apprenticeships)
Leicester Apprenticeship Hub – (apprenticeships)
Leicester Education Business Company (LEBC) – (apprenticeships)

Destinations of our pupils

Destinations 2020-2021

Apprenticeships – 3.6%
Further Education – 41.3% - Leicester College, NWSLC (Hinckley)
Education school 6th Form – 3.2% - Beauchamp College & English Martyrs
Education – 6th Form College – 42.1% - WQE, Beauchamp City, Gateway College, Loughborough College
Employment (without training) – 0.8%
NEET – 6.5%
Other – 1.6%
Training (foundation learning) – 0.8%

Destinations 2019-2020

Apprenticeships – 2.5%
Further Education – 49.6% - Leicester College, NWSLC (Hinckley)
Education school 6th Form – 2.9% - Beauchamp College, City of Leicester & English Martyrs
Education – 6th Form College – 33.8% - WQE, Beauchamp City, Gateway College, Loughborough College
Employment (without training) – 2.1%
NEET – 4.6
Other – 1.3%
Training (foundation learning) – 2.5%
Training (traineeships) – 0.4%

Destinations 2018-19

Apprenticeships – 1.7%
Further Education – 41.3% - Leicester College, NWSLC (Hinckley), Leicester College of Performing Arts & Brooksby College
Education school 6th Form – 5.4% - Beauchamp College & Bosworth Academy
Education – 6th Form College – 40.8% - WQE, Beauchamp City, Gateway College, Loughborough College
Employment (with study) – 2.9%
NEET – 5.0
Other – 2.1%
Training (foundation learning) – 0.8%

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Phil Longman - Careers Lead: plongman@orchard-TMET.uk

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. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers.

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

Year group	Event name//Type	When?	Details
7	'What's my Job?'	June 2023	Students will meet professionals and must guess what their job is purely through asking questions. Using their communication and problem-solving skills. Volunteers may have props to help the students. The students will have 10-15 minutes to guess before the volunteer reveals the answer and explains more about what they do.
8	Speed Networking	November 2022	This event will give students an insight into different sectors and potential careers, some outside of their normal circle of influence. Students will hear about different paths and routeways into different sectors and job roles.
8	DMU University Trip – Life Skills	March/April 2023	
9	Speed Networking	April 2023	This event will give students an insight into different sectors and potential careers, some outside of their normal circle of influence. Students will hear about different paths and routeways into different sectors and job roles.
9	Options evening	January 2023	This is a chance for year 9 students to find out more about the GCSE options they have available to them. The careers team also attend to help answer any questions and provide information about post-16 options.
10	Employability Day	March 2023	This event will get students to think about employability skills, their own skill and how to improve on other skills.

			Students will complete interactive activities. The business volunteers will be on hand to provide real-life experiences of the world of work. This event will cover interview and application tips, CV writing and a chance to ask volunteers questions.
10	DMU University Trip – Campus life	April/May 2023	
11	Mock Interviews	February 2023	This will provide year 11 students with some interview experience and help prepare them for college, apprenticeship, and job interviews in the future. All students will receive written and verbal feedback.
11	Provider assemblies	Throughout the year	We organise for all of the main providers to deliver an assembly to all of our year 11 students. There is time at the end for a live Q and A. Students are encouraged to ask questions to their tutors and careers adviser. These assemblies support students as they complete their applications for post-16 study.
11	Careers Fairs	Multiple dates	This event asks providers set up market stalls in our hall and students can spend time going round the market and asking questions as they go. To ensure that all students engage with all the different providers tutors, careers team and other teachers are on hand to support and encourage engagement.
11	Guest Speaker – Daniel James	January 2023	
11	Apprenticeship Assembly	March 2023	This assembly is longer than a standard assembly and involves a guest speaker coming into school to talk to year 11 about apprenticeships. There is time set aside at the end for questions.
11	1:1 Careers appointment	September – December 2022	All year 11 students will be given a 1:1 appointment. This is their chance to talk openly about their future and ambitions, gain information and ask questions.

Overview of Careers in the curriculum that providers may attend

-All students have 2 lessons a week of our Growth Curriculum, we can arrange for you to visit school to coincide with these lessons.

-All year groups have an assembly every week and these provide a timetabled opportunity to talk to and meet students.

- We host a post 16 provider event for Y10 in the summer term and for Y11 in the autumn term
- We can arrange bespoke activities that students will attend instead of their normal timetabled lessons
- we have existing links with local businesses and charities that provide opportunities for our students to learn about careers in the local labour market and provide opportunities for those businesses to work with our students.

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 the careers 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 if and when appropriate.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at main reception.

Complaints

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via:
provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk.
