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PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

**This policy applies to all the academies in
The Lionheart Educational Trust**

**Approved by Trust Board
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Humphrey Perkins School: Provider Access Policy

1. Introduction

This policy statement sets out the Trust schools/college arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training 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

Trust schools/college 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). One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider.

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](#).

2.1. Trust schools/colleges will therefore provide at least 6 encounters as follows:

- 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 10, 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/college day. Trust schools/college can continue to provide complementary experiences, but encounters outside of school hours will not count towards these requirements.

Trust schools/college will 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

2.2. Meaningful provider encounters

Our schools/colleges are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the Making it meaningful checklist.

(https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk/sites/default/files/2021-03/1207_-_meaningful_encounters_checklist_1.pdf)

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

3. Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8 to 13 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships 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, group discussions and taster events;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

4. Management of provider access requests

4.1. Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Kirsty Kirby, [Careers Leader],
Telephone: 01509412385

Email address: Kirsty.Kirby@humphreyperkins.org.uk



4.2. Opportunities for access

Trust schools/colleges offer six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text) and a number of additional events, integrated into the careers programme.

The list below outlines examples of the opportunities provided for training and education providers to speak to pupils and/or their parents or carers:

1. Year 8 – Assembly in Spring Term with a provider of approved technical education qualifications and/or apprenticeships (SMB Group)– (Exact date to be agreed with provider) – [7 th February 8.30am- 8.45am]
2. Year 9 – Assembly in Spring Term with a provider of approved technical education qualifications and/or apprenticeships, University of Leicester – (Exact date to be agreed with provider) – February 28th 8.45am – 9.30am. Year 9 also have a Careers Fair in the Summer term
3. Year 10 –The BIG Assembly with a provider of approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships as well as the Careers fair in the Summer term , careers fair in the Autumn term
4. Year 11 – Careers fair in autumn term featuring a large range of employers, apprenticeships, trainers, and academic institutes. Supported by assembly in Autumn Term (to inform post 16 choices and linked to careers interviews) with a provider of approved technical education qualifications and/or apprenticeships, and with a provider of academic qualifications.

In addition to the mandatory encounters, we will offer providers further opportunities to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents/carers.

Opportunities include:

1. Webinars delivered by a range of employers (years 9-13)
2. Careers fairs for Years 9, 10 and 11
3. Further assemblies from providers as offered to the school (all years)
4. Visits to the workplace with enterprise partners (mainly Y10), but open to others if appropriate) and virtual workplaces set up in school

Please contact the Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. Access will be granted in line with the Trust Safeguarding Policy.

4.3. Premises and facilities

The school/college 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/college 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. We use MS Teams for this usually.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with our Careers Leader at the main reception desk.

5. Previous providers

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

Year 11 Apprentice Skills and Knowledge •

Years 10 and 11 – Careers Evening involving Loughborough College, Leicester College, SMB Group, Loughborough Schools Foundation, Rawlins Academy, East Leake Academy, De Lisle Academy, Beauchamp City Sixth Form, Cedars Academy, Department for Work and Pensions, Apprentice Skills and Knowledge, Heart of England Training, University of Leicester, Loughborough University •

Years 9 and 10 – Careers Fair involving Loughborough College, Leicester College, SMB Group, Beauchamp City Sixth Form, Department for Work and Pensions, Apprentice Skills and Knowledge, Heart of England Training, University of Leicester, Loughborough University, Army, RAF, Kier Group, Ragdale Hall, Leicestershire County Council, Tesco, STEM Ambassadors •

Years 7 and 8 – University of Leicester, SMB, Kier Group, STEM Ambassador, North West Leicestershire College

6. Pupil Destinations

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Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school: The majority (96) took up places at Loughborough College (72.7%). The second most popular destination was the SMB Group with 10 (7.5%). Leicester College was chosen by 7 students (5.3%), with Rawlins having 4 students (2.8%) and 2 students choosing Confetti (1.5%). Beauchamp City Sixth Form and WQE had 1 student each (1.4%), with 3 (2.1%) having chosen education out of area – one for personal reasons and two for specific sporting access. 5 students had directly entered employment as apprentices (3.7%) with one having joined the Armed Forces (0.07%) leaving one (0.07%) NEET

7. Complaints

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

8. Links with other policies



This policy is to be read in conjunction with:

- Safeguarding Policy
- Careers Education Information and Guidance Policy
- Complaints Policy

9. Monitoring arrangements

The school's/college's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students are monitored by Kirsty Kirby, Assistant Principal and Careers Leader

This policy will be reviewed annually by Trust Lead for Careers.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the Trust Board.