



Somercotes Academy



Tollbar MAT
Family of Academies

PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

January 2020

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the Academy for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the Academy's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8-11 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 and group discussions and taster events;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact
Emma Wigham - Careers Leader
Telephone 01507 353459

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers, and to give students and parents/carers access to careers guidance and information:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Access to START profile careers site.	Careers group work led by in house careers consultant and Citizenship staff. GCSE Options evening-careers information available /careers advice. Careers information session for parents at Parents' evening. 'Here for you'- Careers advice weekly drop in. Access to START profile careers site. Careers Week – with employers from local and	Citizenship SOW-weekly lessons Careers, raising aspirations and 'The Buzz'- David Hodgson- Confidence building and careers advise. STEM Enterprise Challenge Activity. Access to START profile careers site.

		national institutions. Information also shared with parents/carers.	
Year 9	Access to START profile careers site.	<p>Careers group work led by in house careers consultant and Citizenship staff.</p> <p>'Here for you'- Careers advice weekly drop in.</p> <p>Access to START profile careers site.</p> <p>Careers Week – with employers from local and national institutions. Information also shared with parents/carers.</p> <p>“Big Bang” Science visit – STEM careers and employer visit and activities.</p>	<p>BGU provider-led aspiration talks – Introduction to Higher Education (Step 1).</p> <p>BGU provider-led visits – Sessions on budgeting, student life and decision making (Step 2).</p> <p>STEM Enterprise Day.</p> <p>Access to START profile careers site.</p>
Year 10	<p>Access to START profile careers site.</p> <p>Louth Careers Fair for targeted students.</p> <p>Construction Week – activities with providers and visit to workplaces. Careers information session.</p>	<p>'Here for you'- Careers advice drop in.</p> <p>BGU provider-led aspiration talks – Revision skills (Step 1).</p> <p>Project ASK – students encouraged and informed about the local and national apprenticeship programme.</p> <p>Access to START profile careers site.</p> <p>Careers information session for parents at Parents' evening.</p> <p>Careers Week – with employers from local and national institutions. Information also shared with parents/carers.</p>	<p>Appointments available with independent careers consultant.</p> <p>Tollbar Sixth Form taster days.</p> <p>Grimsby Institute taster day.</p> <p>North East Lincolnshire Skills Fair.</p> <p>Access to START profile careers site.</p> <p>Lincoln University Chemistry visit – information and activities from provider relating to careers in Science.</p> <p>BGU – provider led visits -- Sessions on note taking, critical thinking and time management (Step 2).</p>
Year 11	Parents/ carers evening-independent careers advise available.	'Here for you'- Careers advise weekly drop in.	<p>Access to START profile careers site.</p> <p>BGU provider-led visits – Research skills, transferable</p>

	Citizenship SOW- Employability & Record of Achievement. Citizenship SOW- Lincs 2 support and future careers options. Access to START profile careers site. Louth Careers Fair for targeted students. Construction Week – activities with providers and visit to workplaces. Careers information session. Provider talks from HETA, GIFHE, Grimsby Institute Apprenticeships, Riseholme, Tollbar Sixth Form to give information and raise aspirations.	BGU provider-led aspiration talks – Decision making (Step 1). Parent/ carers evening- independent careers advice available. Tollbar Sixth Form Open Evening. Louth Skills Fair. Access to START profile careers site. Careers Week – with employers from local and national institutions. Information also shared with parents/carers. NCS – giving opportunity to experience university life.	skills and presentation skills (Step 2).
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Premises and facilities

The Academy will make the halls or classrooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The Academy 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.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Curriculum Leader.

Safeguarding

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy outlines the Academy's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

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