



Provider Access Policy Statement The Grange School

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Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 we have a duty to provide pupils in Years 8-13 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 and

post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

This policy reflects the legislation at the time that it was last reviewed. Any changes in legislation will take precedence over anything printed in this policy.

What are pupils entitled to?

Pupils in Years 8 to 13 are entitled to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs pupils of the full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities on offer, for example, technical education and apprenticeships – this can be achieved through options evenings, assemblies, group discussions, and taster events.
- Understand how to apply to the full range of academic and technical courses available to them.

All pupils in Years 8 to 13 will receive at least six encounters with accredited providers of technical education and apprenticeships. These encounters will be divided accordingly:

- During the first key phase (Year 8 to Year 9) all pupils must attend two mandatory sessions by accredited providers
- During the second key phase (Year 10 and 11) all pupils must attend two mandatory sessions by accredited providers
- During the third key phase (Year 12 and Year 13) there will be two sessions by accredited providers – these will be optional for pupils to attend

What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?

Via our school careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the school year to speak to pupils and/or their parents. These sessions will be scheduled during the school's main opening hours.

The school offers the six provider encounters that are legally required – these are marked with bold text below – and a number of additional events.

Year 8

- **ENACT – ‘Options and Choices’ Assembly (BU)**

Year 9

- **Top Apprenticeship Evening (30+ Employers and Accredited Providers)**
- ‘Discover your options’ Seminar (SUN)
- ‘Webinar Wednesday’ Alumni Talks (e.g. Construction, Creative Industries, Education, Engineering, Finance, Healthcare, and Utilities.)

Year 10

- **Post 16 Assemblies to include Bournemouth & Poole College, Military Careers (Army/Navy/RAF)**
- **Post 16 Progression Evening (ASK)**
- Top Apprenticeship Evening (30+ Employers and Accredited Providers)

- Year 10 Young Enterprise Programme
- 'Webinar Wednesday' Alumni Talks (e.g. Construction, Creative Industries, Education, Engineering, Finance, Healthcare, and Utilities.)
- Careers and Apprenticeship Show

Year 11

- **Top Apprenticeship Evening (30+ Employers and Accredited Providers)**
- **Post 16 Assemblies to include: Brockenhurst College, Rockley College, Poole High School 6F, AFC Bournemouth (F.E.P.)**
- 'Webinar Wednesday' Alumni Talks (e.g. Construction, Creative Industries, Education, Engineering, Finance, Healthcare, and Utilities.)

Year 12

- **Top Apprenticeship Evening (30+ Employers and Accredited Providers)**
- **Careers and Apprenticeship Show**
- Post-18 ASK Mock Assessment Workshop
- UCAS Discovery
- Post-18 Progression Evening for students and parents
- JP Morgan 'Open Door' Event
- Ageas Apprenticeship Event
- 'Webinar Wednesday' Alumni Talks (e.g. Construction, Creative Industries, Education, Engineering, Finance, Healthcare, and Utilities.)

Year 13

- **Top Apprenticeship Evening, Autumn Term (30+ Employers and Accredited Providers)**
- **Careers and Apprenticeship Show**
- 'Webinar Wednesday' Alumni Talks (e.g. Construction, Creative Industries, Education, Engineering, Finance, Healthcare, and Utilities.)

During these sessions, at a minimum, providers will be given enough time to:

- Share information about the provider and the approved technical qualifications and apprenticeships they offer.
- Explain what career routes these qualifications and apprenticeships could lead to.
- Provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider.
- Answer pupils' questions.

In addition to the events above the school also has several careers events and activities that are run through school. This list provides an example of some of these opportunities

- National Apprenticeship Week (Y10-13 Spring Term)
- National Careers Week (Y7-Y13 Spring Term)
- Personal Statement Seminars (Y12 Summer/Y13 Autumn Term)
- Post-16 'Specialist Colleges' Visits (Y8-Y11)
- Post-18 'Industry Specific' Visits (Y10-Y13)
- Progression [to Post-14] Interviews (Y9 Spring Term)
- Progression [to Post-16] Interviews (Y11 Autumn Term)
- Raising Aspirations Programme (Y8-Y11)
- UCAS Application Support (Y12 Summer/Y13 Autumn Term)

- Work Experience (Y10 Summer Term)

In addition, impartial careers advice is available to all students. Students in Year 9 to Year 11 who are a high risk of NEET students have targeted 1:1 intervention.

Which providers have previously been invited to the school?

In previous terms and academic years, the school has invited the following providers to speak to pupils:

- The British Army, Royal Airforce and Royal Navy
- Bournemouth & Poole College
- Brockenhurst College
- Kingston Maurward College
- National Apprenticeship Service (ASK Programme)
- Poole High School Sixth Form
- Rockley College

Last year, our Year 11 pupils moved on to a range of providers in the local area after finishing school, including those listed above.

Last year, our Year 13 pupils moved on to a range of training providers and employers in the local area after finishing school.

Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

Providers can speak to our careers leader Gemma Hinchliffe (gemma.hinchliffe@twynhamschool.com or 01202 486237) to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

Our [Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy](#) sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school to speak to our pupils.

What can providers expect once a request has been accepted?

Once we have approved a provider, we will work with them to identify the best method for providing access to our pupils. The school hall and other designated spaces will be made available to host discussions between providers and pupils. Presentation equipment, including projectors, will be provided for the use of providers. However, external memory sticks are not permitted on Twynham Learning computers. Therefore, we kindly request that presentations be emailed in advance or that providers bring their own IT equipment.

Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our career's leader and a nominated member of the provider's team. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with the career's leader in the career's hub for students to access.

How are complaints regarding provider access managed?

If you have a complaint relating to the school's provider access arrangements, you can raise it in line with the school's [Complaints Procedures Policy](#) or you can contact The Careers and Enterprise Company directly on provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk