

Aston Manor Academy
Provider Access Policy 2023-2024

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 the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

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 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 phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11). For pupils in the 'third key phase' (year 12 to 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:

- Barclay's Life Skills
- Royal Navy
- Lendlease
- ARUP
- The Talent Foundry
- PWC
- Ahead Partnership
- British Telecom
- NextGen
- Speakers Trust
- Tomorrows Engineers
- Willmott Dixon
- Severn Trent
- HSBC
- Ernest & Young
- NHS
- IGD
- BPP
- Pinsent Masons
- Goldman Sachs

Destinations of our pupils

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

- Aston Manor Academy Sixth Form
- Cadbury College
- UCB
- Sandwell College
- South & City
- BMet
- Wallsall College

Last year our year 13 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

AECC University College

George University

Aston University Birmingham

Keele University

Birmingham City University

King's College London

Birmingham Metropolitan

Leicester University

NCS Aston Villa Foundation

Newcastle University

Coventry University

Staffordshire University

Oxford Brooke University

Stoke City College

The University of Law

UCFB

University of Birmingham

University of Essex

University of Lincoln

University of South Wales

University of Wolverhampton

University of Warwick

Worcester University

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact.

Aston Manor Academy

School reception on; 0121 359 8108

Or email:

Stacey Lander – SLT Careers Lead slander@astonmanoracademy.com

Lyn Ajibade – KS3 Careers & Work Experience Co-ordinator

ljibade@astonmanoracademy.com

Eileen Hughes – KS4/5 Careers Co-ordinator

ehughes@astonmanoracademy.com

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six 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 Team to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Event for University Technical College	<p>Careers Fair – March 2024 Employer event for pupils, parents – giving overview of local, regional and national opportunities and skills requirement. KS4 Options events for Year 9 choices.</p> <p>Aston University Keith Bradshaw Introduction to Healthcare.</p> <p>NHS workshop</p> <p>Assembly with Lendlease. Assembly with Severn Trent</p> <p>BT Bootcamp</p> <p>The Talent Foundry - Barclay's Life Skills Programme</p> <p>Careers START programme during form time (fortnightly)</p>	<p>Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers</p> <p>STEAM Opportunities</p>
Year 9	Workshops with external provider	<p>Careers Fair KS4 options event</p> <p>Aston University Keith Bradshaw Introduction to Healthcare.</p> <p>NHS workshop</p> <p>Royal Navy workshops.</p> <p>IGD Subjects to Jobs.</p> <p>Digital speed networking.</p> <p>Assembly with Lendlease. Assembly with ARUP.</p>	

		Careers START programme during form time (fortnightly)	
Year 10	<p>Post 16 technical education options assembly with General Further Education College</p> <p>Careers enrichment day October 3rd 2023</p> <p>RSHE Careers curriculum SOW</p> <p>ASK Apprenticeship sessions/assemblies and parental workshop Oct 2023</p>	<p>Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers</p> <p>Apprenticeship week activities Feb 2024</p> <p>Aimhigher Mentoring Aston University.</p> <p>Careers Fair - March 2024</p> <p>ARUP Assemblies</p> <p>Life Skills – work experience preparation sessions (CV Interviews, resources and technique's)</p> <p>Severn Trent CV & interview techniques.</p> <p>Aston University Keith Bradshaw Introduction to Healthcare.</p> <p>College visits University visits</p> <p>Careers START programme during form time (Students also work independently)</p>	<p>Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers</p> <p>Mock Interview Day with external providers</p> <p>Work Experience placement week (July 2024)</p>
Year 11	Post 16 provider	Post-16 interviews	

	<p>open evenings Post 16</p> <p>Careers Enrichment Day Oct 3rd 2023</p> <p>Careers Advisor whole year session (Sept 2022)</p> <p>ASK Apprenticeship sessions/assemblies and parental workshop Oct 2023</p> <p>RSHE Careers curriculum SOW</p> <p>Meetings with careers adviser Post 16 applications</p>	<p>Apprenticeship week activities Feb 2024</p> <p>Careers Fair - March 2024</p> <p>Raising Achievement evening March 2024</p> <p>ASK Apprenticeship sessions/assemblies and parental workshop Oct 2023</p> <p>Careers START programme during form time (Students also work independently)</p>	<p>Confirmation of post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils</p>
Year 12	<p>Higher Education fair for a variety of HE providers including local Further Education colleges</p>	<p>Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options</p> <p>Meetings with careers adviser</p> <p>On going work experience every Wednesday through Enrichment</p> <p>Apprenticeship week activities Feb 2024</p>	<p>Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers</p> <p>Work Experience placement</p> <p>On going work</p>

		<p>Careers Fair- March 2024</p> <p>ASK Apprenticeship sessions/assemblies and parental workshop</p> <p>Careers START programme during form time (fortnightly)</p>	<p>experience every Wednesday through Enrichment</p>
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	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 13	<p>Post 18 assembly – with higher and degree apprenticeship providers</p> <p>Workshops – HE and higher apprenticeship Applications</p> <p>On going work experience every Wednesday through Enrichment</p>	<p>Meetings with careers adviser</p> <p>Careers Fayre- March 2024</p> <p>Apprenticeship week activities Feb 2023</p> <p>ASK Apprenticeship sessions/assemblies and parental workshop</p> <p>Careers START programme during form time (fortnightly)</p> <p>On going work experience every Wednesday through Enrichment</p>	<p>Confirmation of post-18 education and training destinations for all pupils</p> <p>On going work experience every Wednesday through Enrichment</p>

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 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.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all pupils at lunch and break times.

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

Approval and review

Approved 27/9/23 by the Equitas Leadership Team

Next review: October 2024