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Provider Access Statement

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Gloucester Academy School Careers Guidance Provider Access Statement

The school has legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 to make arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school, for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer.

Pupil entitlement – All pupils in Y8-13 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship 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

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).

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

Previous providers

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

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
NHS GROWS ABL Health Gloucester Services Assembly Severn Trent Workshop Local fire service assembly Gloucester Rugby Inner Spark School Beat - Local Police Team Barn Theatre Cirencester	NHS GROWS Carter Construction Local fire service assembly DiversITy Hughes Paddison Law Kenton Cool Gloucester Rugby Inner Spark School Beat - Local Police Team University of Oxford	Gloucester College FE Sport College Army assembly GCHQ GROWS PRIME law workshop Local fire service assembly BT Inner Spark School Beat - Local Police Team Kamal Harris assembly NHS Careers AccXel Barn Theatre Cirencester	Gloucester College Ellis Jackson entrepreneur assembly. PWC GROWS NHS Gloucester Services University of Oxford CTFC	Gloucester College FE Sport College Army SGS assembly Hartpury College assembly Prospects assembly Cirencester College assembly All Saints Denmark Road assembly Sir Thomas Richs Assembly Chosen Hill assembly Prospects Assembly Bridge Assembly

*Bold = explicit reference to vocational / non-academic pathways.

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers including; Denmark Road, Hartpury College, Cirencester College, Gloucester College and more.

Course Type	2025 Leavers
A-Levels	25%
Level 3	18%
Level 2	25%
Level 1	16%
T-Levels	11%
Apprenticeship	4%
Employment	1%
Unknown/Refused	1%

Management of Provider Access requests Procedure

A provider wishing to request access and for whom there may be procedural requirements should contact Lucy Blick-Melaert on lblick@gloucesteracademy.co.uk or 01452 428800.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the lecture theatre, heartspace, meeting rooms, library or classrooms available for discussions between the provider and the students 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 Lead or a member of the team.

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

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.

These may include

- Guest speaker assemblies
- Employability workshops
- Careers Fayres (Year 10)
- Assembly career talks (whole school, whole year groups, part year groups)

Details of specific activities can be found above in our list of encounters, with encounters that meet these requirements in bold.

Our School Safeguarding Policy sets out the school's approach to allowing visitors to our school.

What are the rules for granting and refusing access requests?

We will grant access requests that meet the following criteria:

- DBS checked
- Those without DBS must be accompanied by a member of staff at all times
- All visitors must have read and understood the school's safeguarding policy.
- The request supports the programme of planned careers education and guidance for the targeted pupil ground and the focus appropriateness of proposed content;
- The timing of the request can be included in the schedule of events for other careers events, assemblies, visits by other providers and employers;
- The timings of the requests in relation to mock exams, final exams and moderation days, and other events already scheduled annually;
- Whether this is a return visit to the academy by the provider and the overall quality and impact of previous visits had of groups of pupils;
- Availability of school staff to support the visit
- The availability and appropriateness of the academy accommodation to meet the needs of the request

If a request cannot be accommodated by the school, the school will contact the provider and explain reasons why and seek a solution to allow appropriate access.

Complaints

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