



Brakenhale School

Provider Access Statement

Brakenhale School is part of the Greenshaw Learning Trust.

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Brakenhale 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 students at the school, for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer.

Student entitlement – All students 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 students of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for students during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for students during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11).

For students 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 students 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 students from the provider)
- answer questions from students

Previous providers

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

FHL, DHL, Berkshire Hair Hub, AWE, NHS, Complete Academy, University of Reading, Bracknell and Wokingham College

Destinations of our students

Last year our year 11 students moved to range of providers:

Brakenhale sixth form	Bracknell and Wokingham College	Reading College	Farnborough College
BCA College	Henley College	Wilkes Academy	Charters Sixth form

Edgbarrow School	Basingstoke College	Windsor College	Complete Academy
Artemis College of Performing Arts	Apprenticeships		

Last year our Year 13 students moved to range of providers:

Reading University	Oxford University	Portsmouth University	Bournemouth University
Derby University	Nottingham University	Hertfordshire University	Winchester University
St Mary's University	Southampton University	Royal Holloway	Brunel University
Royal Veterinary College	Aberystwyth University	Birmingham University	Oxford Brookes University

Students also sought apprenticeships, employment and some took a gap year.

Management of Provider Access requests Procedure

A provider wishing to request access and for whom there may be procedural requirements should contact Ms A Smith (Assistant headteacher) via email asmith@brakenhale.co.uk or telephone on 01344 423041.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms 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 six provider encounters required by law which is integrated into the school careers programme. These events offer providers to come into school or online to speak to students and/or their parents/carers where applicable.

These encounters include:

- Yr10 and KS3 careers fairs
- Virtual work experience
- Guest speaker assemblies and higher education lectures
- Visits to careers events for Post 16
- Drop down careers days

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers.

- Access to up-to-date and unbiased information on future learning and training, careers and labour market information via external speakers coming to school/virtual presentations.
- To hear from a range of education and training providers, including colleges, universities and apprenticeship organisations; this could include visits and taster days, as well as assemblies, talks and meetings at the school
- The opportunity to talk through their career and educational choices with staff including form tutors and the careers team.

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 student 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 students;
- 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

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