

PROVIDER ACCESS DELIVERY PROGRAMME

South Nottinghamshire Academy Provider Access Policy 2025/26

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 7 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 years 7 to 9 pupils and two encounters for years 10 to 11 pupils. For pupils in 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.

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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.

<https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk/resources/making-it-meaningful-benchmark-7>

Previous providers:

We link with the following providers from the local area, and invite them to speak to our pupils:

- **Independent Training Providers** ~ Inspire College, CT Skills, CITB, WEBS Training, Nottingham Forest Football Club, Access Training.
- **General FE Colleges** ~ Nottingham College, Confetti College, Brackenhurst College, Air and Space Institute, Brooksby College, Derby College.
- **Apprenticeship providers** ~ ASK Apprenticeships, Boots, Royal Navy / Royal Marines / Royal Air Force / Army, NHS, Nottinghamshire County Council, KPMG, Mazars, MARS, Rushcliffe BC, Nottinghamshire Police, Department for Work and Pensions, Barratt Homes, MHR, Specsavers, Ideagen Think Big,
- University Technical Colleges, Nottingham Trent University, University of Nottingham, Sheffield Hallam University, Brackenhurst College, De Montfort University, University of Lincoln, Derby University.

Destinations of our pupils:

Our 2025 Year 11 pupils moved to a range of providers in the local area after school:

- General FE Colleges – **42** – (incs. **4** accessing T Level pathways)
- Independent Training Providers - **2**
- Apprenticeship providers - **7**
- Sixth form SNA - **75**
- Sixth Form OTHER – **13**

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Our 2025 Year 13 pupils moved to a range of providers after school:

- 18** students moved onto Russell Group Universities
- 21** students moved onto Non-Russell Group Universities
- 4** Students moved onto Higher and Degree Apprenticeships
- 3** students took a Gap Year, for travelling + employment
- 2** students moved into a college programme, employment / apprenticeship search

Management of provider access requests Procedure:

A provider wishing to request access should contact Louise Caunt (Careers Advisor) and Mr Pietro Melfi (SLT with responsibility for Careers) who will then liaise with the wider senior team to consider the request. Telephone: 0115 9110091 or Email: l.caunt@snacademy.org.uk The Careers Advisor, Senior Leader, p.melfi@snacademy.org.uk , who will also ensure that students and parents are signposted to relevant website information on providers and will disseminate printed information as required.

Safeguarding Providers are expected to comply with the academy's safeguarding policy. DBS checks are not normally required for a 'one-off' academy visit however we may require a level of supervision to take place, which will be considered on an individual event basis.

Opportunities for access: The school offers the six provider encounters required by law. 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.

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Key Phase	Year Group	Autumn/Winter Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
First Key Phase - Legislation requires x 3 encounters to take place by February, Year 9. Mandatory for all pupils to attend and to take place during the school day hours.	Year 7/8	Encounter 1 University / FE College Assembly Introduction Apprenticeship Assembly NAW Assembly	Careers Fair	
	Year 9	Apprenticeship Assembly NAW Assembly	Encounter 2 KS3-4 Options Event FE / HE providers in attendance - <i>NTU</i>	Year 9 Super Learners (PP), Engagement with the University of Nottingham
Second Key Phase – Legislation requires x 2 encounters to take place by 28 th February of Year 11. Mandatory for all pupils to attend and to take place during the school day hours.	Year 10	Apprenticeship Assembly NAW Assembly	Careers Fair	Encounter 3 Year 10 Careers Themed Week, HE & FE Assemblies and Apprenticeship workshops <i>Ask, University, Notts College</i>
	Year 11	Encounter 4 Sixth Form Tasters with HE & Apprenticeships Talk (Nottingham College + Uni) Apprenticeship Assembly NAW Assembly	Careers Fair	
Third Key Phase – Legislation requires x 2 encounters to take place by 28 th February of Year 11. Mandatory for all pupils to attend and to take place during the school day hours.	Year 12	University Assembly NAW Assembly	Careers Fair Encounter 5 University Information Event + Higher / Degree Apprenticeships Expertise	
	Year 13	Encounter 6 University & Apprenticeship Talks Sixth Form Guidance	Careers Fair	

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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 IT and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with a member of the Careers team. Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that can provide live online engagement with our pupils. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Resource Centre. 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 found on the academy website. Approval and review: Approved Autumn term 2025, by Governors. Next review date: Summer term 2026

Signed: Mrs Rhian Rudge (Chair of Governors)

Signed: Mr Pietro Melfi (SLT link for Careers)

Signed: Mr Mark Siviter (Head teacher)

Signed: Mrs Louise Caunt (Careers Advisor)