



Provider Access Policy

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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 students 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.

What are students entitled to?

Students 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 students 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 students 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 students must attend two mandatory sessions by accredited providers
- During the second key phase (Year 10 and 11) all students 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 students to attend

What opportunities are provided to allow access to students?

Via our academy careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the school year to speak to students and/or their parents.

These sessions will be scheduled during the academy's main opening hours.

The academy offers the six provider encounters that are legally required and a number of additional events.

Our annual schedule of events is as follows:

Year Group	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Year 7	Enterprise Day			Navy Careers Talk	STEM Day	
Year 8			Army Careers Talk		STEM Day	

Year 9			Army Careers Talk GCSE Taster Day	Year 9 Options Evening		STEM day
Year 10					Lincs Higher Sessions Future Focus Study Skills Sessions	Work Experience Careers Speed Dating
Year 11		Next Steps Day (6 th form and Alternative Pathways)	Lincs Higher Sessions			
Year 12	Introduction to Uni Talk Choosing the Right Uni Course		Careers Carousel		Gap Year Talk	LincsHigher Sessions Work Experience
Year 13	LincsHigher Session	Degree Apprenticeship Talk	Careers Carousel Budgeting Talk			

*All year groups follow a programme of careers related sessions in PDT on a weekly basis

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 students' questions.

Which providers have previously been invited to the academy?

In previous terms and academic years, the academy has invited the following providers to speak to students:

- Lincoln College
- University Technical College
- Riseholme College

Last year, our Year 11 students moved on to a range of providers in the local area after finishing school. The Year 11 destinations for the academic year 2023-2024 included:

- 18.7% staying on at NK Academy Sixth Form
- 51.5% starting at Lincoln College
- 3.7% starting Riseholme College
- 5.9% starting Other Colleges
- 6.7% attending Sixth Form
- 1.5% starting an apprenticeship

Last year, our Year 13 students moved on to a range of providers after finishing school. The Year 13 destinations for the academic year 2023-2024 included:

- 80.5% of students going to university
- 11% starting an apprenticeship
- 11% going into full-time employment

Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

Providers can speak to our careers leader, Mrs Ayre, to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

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 students.

We will make the school hall, classrooms and private meeting rooms available to host discussions between providers and students. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors and screens, available to providers.

Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our careers 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 careers leader.

How are complaints regarding provider access managed?

If you have a complaint relating to the academy's provider access arrangements, you can raise it in line with the academy's Complaints Procedures Policy.

Approval and review

This policy statement was approved by the governing board.

The next review will take place in 2026.