

Provider access policy statement

Armfield Academy



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1. Aims

This policy statement aims to set out our school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students for the purpose of giving them information about their offer.

It sets out:

- Procedures in relation to requests for access
- The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access
- Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

2. Statutory requirements

Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in years 8 to 13 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.

Schools must also have a policy statement that outlines the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to these students.

This is outlined in section 42B of the [Education Act 1997](#).

This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements.

3. Student entitlement

All students in at Armfield are entitled to:

- Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of our careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses

4. Management of provider access requests

4.1 Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Samantha Sherwood, Senior Teacher.

Telephone: 01253 207702

Email: s.sherwood@armfield.fcat.org.uk

4.2 Opportunities for access

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

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Year 1 & 2	Assembly and PSHE opportunities	Assembly and PSHE opportunities	Assembly and PSHE opportunities
Year 7	<p>Assembly and tutor group opportunities - employability skills.</p> <p>Careers unit delivered through PSHE may involve guest speakers</p> <p>BAE Systems UK presentations</p> <p>Blackpool Football Club Community Trust- Resilience Lessons</p>	<p>Assembly and tutor group opportunities</p> <p>Enterprise and Entrepreneurs</p> <p>Virtual encounters during National Careers Week</p>	<p>Assembly and tutor group opportunities</p> <p>Edge Hill Campus Visit</p>
Year 8	<p>Assembly and tutor group opportunities - employability skills</p> <p>Careers unit delivered through PSHE may involve guest speakers</p> <p>BAE Systems UK presentations</p>	<p>Assembly and tutor group opportunities</p> <p>Networking event with providers and employers</p> <p>Virtual encounters during National Careers Week</p>	<p>Assembly and tutor group opportunities</p> <p>Edge Hill Campus Visit</p>
Year 9	<p>Assembly on opportunities at 16, option choices.</p> <p>Careers unit delivered through PSHE may involve guest speakers</p> <p>Options evening (may be virtual due to COVID)</p> <p>STEM Learning.</p> <p>Blackpool Football Club Community Trust- Inspires Programme</p>	<p>Continuation of Options parental meetings.</p> <p>Assembly and tutor group opportunities</p> <p>Careers fair at Blackpool Pleasure Beach</p> <p>Blackpool Football Club Community Trust- Inspires Programme</p> <p>Virtual encounters during National Careers Week</p>	<p>Assembly and tutor group opportunities</p> <p>Blackpool Football Club Community Trust- Inspires Programme</p>

Year 10 (Planned)	Careers unit delivered through PSHE may involve guest speakers Higher education/Careers fair at Blackpool Pleasure Beach Careers Assembly Prince's Trust Achieve Programme	Prince's Trust Achieve Programme Assembly opportunities Work Experience preparation	Prince's Trust Achieve Programme Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options Work experience placement
Year 11 (Planned)	Careers unit delivered through PSHE may involve guest speakers HE and higher apprenticeship applications Higher education/Careers fair at Blackpool Pleasure Beach Prince's Trust Achieve Programme	Prince's Trust Achieve Programme Assembly and small group opportunities - employability skills	Prince's Trust Achieve Programme

Please speak to Samantha Sherwood to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

4.3 Granting and refusing access

A number of events are integrated into the school careers programme which would potentially offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents. The school calendar varies from year to year so providers need to contact the member of staff named above to identify the most suitable opportunity. The events are usually arranged well in advance so it is essential that providers contact us early in the academic year to be involved in our planning. Access to students and/or parents will be granted on the understanding that information and guidance offered by providers is related to technical courses and apprenticeship opportunities only. Providers will be expected to meet the school's safeguarding requirements which can be found in the Safeguarding Policy Statement accessible on the school website.

COVID-19: Please see additional Risk Assessment information/policies on website. Access may be refused due to safety implications during the pandemic.

4.4 Safeguarding

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

4.5 Premises and facilities

The school will make the memorial hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and 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 Leader or a member of their team. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature in the Careers Library which is available to all students at lunch and break times.

5. Links to other policies

- [Safeguarding/child protection policy](#)
- [FCAT Visitor speaking policy](#)
- [RSE Policy](#)

6. Monitoring arrangements

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students is monitored by the Head Teacher.

This policy will be reviewed by Samantha Sherwood, Senior Teacher, annually. At every review, the policy will be approved by the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors.