

Provider Access Policy

Blackpool Aspire Academy

2018-19

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the school for the purposes 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.

Student entitlement

Students in years 7-11 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 evenings, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact Laura Hanson, Lead for CEIAG - l.hanson@aspire.fcat.org.uk or by telephone on 01253 353155.

Opportunities for access

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

Year 7	Barclays life skills session – Self awareness
Year 8	Careers Fair at Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Barclays life skills session – Self confidence. Small group interview/ meeting regarding Options with our Careers Adviser, Phil Palfrey. Options talk/lesson for year group. Options information evening/market place for students/parents/carers. One to one meetings with SLT to discuss option choices.
Year 9	Barclays life skills session – Self awareness.
Year 10	Changing Horizons event (DWP) ASK (Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge) assembly. Interview preparation sessions and mock interviews Small group interview/ meeting with our Careers Adviser, Phil Palfrey Blackpool Sixth Form subject taster day.
Year 11	Blackpool and the Fylde College subject taster day. Visits from Blackpool Sixth Form and Blackpool & Fylde College to all PSHE classes to discuss pathways.

	<p>Assemblies promoting Open Days/Open Evenings/Courses from Blackpool Sixth Form College/Blackpool and the Fylde College/Myerscough College/St Mary's.</p> <p>Form time drop ins and lunch stands from Blackpool Sixth Form College/Blackpool and the Fylde College/Myerscough College.</p> <p>Careers scheme of work included within PSHE provision.</p> <p>Mock Interviews.</p> <p>Individual interview/ meeting with our Careers Adviser, Phil Palfrey.</p> <p>Interviews for college applications with Blackpool Sixth Form College/Blackpool and the Fylde College/Myerscough College.</p> <p>Text messages sent to parents/carers promoting Open Evening/Open Days at Blackpool Sixth Form College/Blackpool and the Fylde College.</p>
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In addition, a programme of drop in sessions run throughout the year offering students the opportunity to meet people from a range of careers and pathways. These are open to every year group.

Premises and facilities

The academy will make the hall, Discovery Zone, classrooms or meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity and 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 Laura Hanson.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at Reception, this will be displayed in the Discovery Zone, which is available to students at lunch and break times.

Please speak to Laura Hanson to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

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