

Blackpool Aspire Academy: Provider Access Policy Statement

Our Commitment

In accordance with Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 (effective January 2, 2018), Blackpool Aspire Academy has a statutory duty to ensure that all students in years 7 through 11 have access to providers of post-14, post-16, and post-18 education and training. This policy document outlines our procedures for managing access requests from these educational and training providers.

We ensure our pupils are allowed to:

- Discover technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities through a comprehensive careers programme that highlights all available education and training pathways at every key transition point.
- Engage with various local providers to learn about available opportunities, such as apprenticeships and technical education. This engagement takes place through assemblies, open evenings, parents' evenings, taster events, and group discussions.
- Learn how to successfully apply for the complete range of academic and technical courses open to them.

Access will be granted to any provider able to support these student entitlements.

Requesting Access

Providers interested in visiting the academy should direct their access requests to our Deputy Headteacher and Careers Lead, Darren Ewart.

- **Phone:** 01253 353 155
- **Email:** d.ewart@aspire.fcat.org.uk

Available Opportunities for Providers

Through our annual school careers programme, we offer multiple opportunities for providers to engage with our students and their parents or carers throughout the academic year. These events include:

- Regular school assemblies
- Lunchtime drop-in sessions
- Lesson visits
- Taster events
- Parents' evenings

Providers should consult with our Careers Lead to identify the most appropriate opportunity for their visit. Further specifics regarding our careers programme are published annually on our school website. All visiting providers must also adhere to the school's safeguarding policy regarding visitors interacting with our students.

Facility and Resource Arrangements

Once a provider's request is approved, we will collaborate with them to determine the most effective method for facilitating student access.

- We will make the school hall, classrooms, and private meeting rooms available to host discussions between pupils and providers.
- Presentation equipment, including televisions and projectors, will be made available to providers.
- All logistical arrangements will be coordinated beforehand between our Careers Lead and a nominated member of the provider's team.
- Providers are welcome to leave relevant course literature and prospectuses for our Careers section, which is located in the library and main reception area and is managed by our Careers Lead.

Policy Review

This policy is reviewed annually. It was last reviewed in July 2026.