

Gartree High School Provider Access Policy

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.

All pupils in years 7 to 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 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 pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11).

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.

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.
- Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Previous providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

Provider Opportunities

1. School visit by **Leicester College** – presentation and Q&A about BTEC, Apprenticeships and T-Levels. **September 2021**
2. School visit by **WQE** – presentation and Q&A about Regent Campus (non A-Level route) as well as A-Levels. **October 2021**
3. School visit 1 by **Speedy Speakers** (professionals from different industries talking about their jobs/sectors) **September 2021**
4. School visit 2 by **Speedy Speakers** (professionals from different industries talking about their jobs/sectors) **September 2021**
5. School visit 3 by **Speedy Speakers** (professionals from different industries talking about their jobs/sectors) **September 2021**

6. School visit 4 by **Speedy Speakers** (professionals from different industries talking about their jobs/sectors) **October 2021**
7. Post 16 Preparation Lesson 1 - difference between qualifications, including Apprenticeships and Vocational Qualifications (**Info from Connexions and HM Government**) **August 2021**
8. Post 16 Preparation Lesson 4 – analysis of all local colleges and their offers (vocational v academic) **September 2021**
9. Post 16 Preparation Lesson 4 – online presentation **Leicester College. September 2021**
10. Post 16 Preparation Lesson 4 – online presentation **Wigston College. September 2021**
11. **WQE Assembly October 2022**
12. **Leicester College** in Assembly **October 2022**
13. **St Paul's Sixth Form** in assembly **November 2022**
14. **NWSLC College** in to meet with Year 11 **Jan 2023**
15. **WQE** in assembly **October 2023**
16. **BBC Bitesize** Guest career speakers to year 8 / 9 / 10 **October 2023**
17. Year 11 Information Evening **October 2024** – Providers from the following post-16 institutions all provided stalls and spoke to students from Year 10 and 11. C.300 students and parents attended.– **WQE, Beauchamp College, Beauchamp City Sixth Form, Leicester College, North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College, Wigston College, Loughborough College, Gateway Sixth Form College, Leicester Grammar School, SMB Group (Melton/Brooksby), Robert Smyth Sixth Form.**
18. **NWSLC College** in assembly **November 2023**
19. **Leicester College** in assembly **December 2023**
20. **Beauchamp College** in school to meet students **March 2024**

➤ **Destinations of our pupils**

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

Summary

WQE	68	40%
Beauchamp College	35	20%
Leicester College	30	18%
Beauchamp City Sixth Form	10	6%
SMB College Group	7	4%
Loughborough College	5	3%
North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College	5	3%
Gateway Sixth Form College	4	2%
St Paul's Catholic School	3	2%
Wigston Academy	2	1%
English Martyrs College	1	1%

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

- A provider wishing to request access should contact Ed Wilson, Co-Headteacher, Telephone 0116 2717421.

Opportunities for access

- The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked above in bold text) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will

offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers.

- Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

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