

CIRENCESTER KINGSHILL SCHOOL

EDUCATION OR TRAINING PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

1. Introduction

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 we have a duty to provide pupils in Years 8-11 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.

2. Pupil entitlement

Pupils in Years 8 to 11 are entitled to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs pupils 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 pupils in Years 8 to 11 will receive at least four 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 pupils must attend two mandatory sessions by accredited providers which will occur in whole school assemblies.
- During the second key phase (Year 10 and 11) all pupils must attend two mandatory sessions by accredited providers which will occur in whole school assemblies.

3. Opportunities for access

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

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

The school offers the four provider encounters that are legally required – these are marked with bold text below – and a number of additional events.

Our annual schedule of events is as follows:

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 8	Careers Speakers – opportunities in industry	Ambitions Assembly Careers Speakers - opportunities in industry	Careers Speakers - opportunities in industry

	Cirencester Careers Convention		
Year 9	Careers Speakers – opportunities in industry Cirencester Careers Convention	Ambitions Assembly Careers Speakers - opportunities in industry	Careers Speakers - opportunities in industry
Year 10	Careers Speakers – opportunities in industry Cirencester Careers Convention	Ambitions Assembly Higher Education and Careers Convention Careers Speakers – opportunities in industry	Post-16 College Taster Days
Year 11	College/6 th Form Presentations CV writing skills Careers Speakers – opportunities in industry Cirencester Careers Convention	Ambitions Assembly College/6 th Form Presentations Mock employee interviews	Apprenticeship workshops

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

4. Previous Providers

In previous terms and academic years, the school has invited the following providers, amongst others, to speak to pupils:

- Oxford University, Cambridge University
- Balcarras 6th Form, Cirencester College 6th Form, Farmors 6th Form, Marling 6th Form, Stroud High 6th Form, Sir Thomas Rich's 6th Form, Stroud High 6th Form
- Harpur College, Rendcomb College, New College Swindon
- SGS Berkeley Green UTC, SGS College Stroud

Last year, our Year 11 pupils moved on to a range of providers in the local area after finishing school. As well as the institutions listed above they included apprenticeship schemes, armed forces and employment.

5. Management of provider access requests

Providers can speak to our careers leader, **Trevor Lee**, to discuss possible attendance at relevant events. He can be contacted at office@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk

Our **Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy** sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school to speak to our pupils.

6. Guidelines for granting and refusing access requests

We will grant access requests that meet the following criteria:

- Does not disadvantage any cohort of pupils
- Is offered in a format that enables us to maintain impartiality.
- Enables the pupils to look at all their options post 16 and post 18.

We will refuse any access request that:

- Does not give impartial and balanced advice to our pupils and parents.
- Is not appropriate for the age range of the pupils.
- Will disadvantage any group of pupils.
- Actively seeks to recruit pupils currently on role for pre-16 courses.

7. Premises and facilities

The school will make meeting space available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school can also make available a projector, screen and sound speakers to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature in the school library. The library is available to all students at lunch and break times.

8. Complaints

If you have a complaint relating to the school's provider access arrangements, you can raise these in line with the school's complaints procedures policy, or you can contact The Careers and Enterprise Company directly on provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

Approval and review

Reviewed by Trevor Lee Jan 2023

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Signed: *[name]* Chair of Governors *[name]* Head teacher