



Provider Access Policy 2025-2026

Accrington Academy

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ACCRINGTON ACADEMY: Provider Access Policy

Introduction

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.

Pupil Entitlement

All pupils in years 8 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:

- Accrington & Rossendale College



- Blackburn College
- Burnley College
- Future U
- Lancashire Constabulary
- Myerscough College
- Nelson & Colne College
- North Lancs Training Group
- Pennine Acute Hospitals Disney Theatrical Group
- Saxon Furniture
- Training 2000

Destinations of our pupils

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

- Accrington & Rossendale College
- Blackburn College
- Burnley College
- Clitheroe Grammar
- Craven College
- Fowler Education Football Academy
- Marple Sixth Form
- Nelson & Colne College
- North Lancs Training Group
- QEQS
- Runshaw College
- St Christopher’s Sixth Form
- Training 2000

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Hannah Gregory, Director of Education with Character, hannah.gregory@accrington-academy.org

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked 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.



Year 7			Year 8			Year 9			Year 10			Year 11		
Activity	When?	BM's	Activity	When?	BM's	Activity	When?	BM's	Activity	When?	BM's	Activity	When?	BM's
UCLN Assembly	25.11.22	7	UCLN Assembly	24.11.22	7	Accrington & Rossendale College Assembly	23.11.22	7	Independent Careers advice	Ongoing	8	Tailored 'next step' support for students on the SEND register	Ongoing	3
National Apprenticeship Week - My Path -guide to apprenticeships	10.02.23	5,3	National Apprenticeship Week - My Path -guide to apprenticeships	09.02.23	5,3	Group Careers Interviews	03.02.23	8	CV Writing Workshop Lunchtime drop in	Ongoing	5,7	Independent Careers advice	Ongoing	8
National Careers Week Assembly - Disney Theatrical Group	09.03.23	5, 3	National Careers Week Assembly - Lancashire Police	06.03.23	5, 3	ASK Apprenticeship Assembly	08.02.23	2, 3, 5	UK University and Apprenticeship Fair	28.09.22	2, 5, 7	Future Friday Tutor time	Ongoing	2, 3,7,8
Me and My Journey	29.03.23		LMI Workshop	04.05.23	3	KS4 Taster Sessions	Wk Com 27.02.23	3, 4, 8	Work Experience Assembly—The Plan	28.11.22	5, 6	KS5 Tasters	Wk Com 03.06.23	7, 3
						National Careers Week Assembly - Saxon Furniture	08.03.23	5, 3	LMI Information	15.12.22	8	UK University and Apprenticeship Fair	28.09.22	2, 5, 7
						Options/Pathway Support	09.03.23	5, 3, 2	National Apprenticeship Week Assembly—Introduction to Apprenticeships	07.02.23	5,3	Next Step—Assembly	21.11.22	3
						Guided Choices Evening	09.03.23	2, 3, 8	Work Experience visits	9th & 10th February 2023	5, 6	LMI Information	25.11.22	2
									Year 10 Drop Down Day		7	Next Step Prep—Careers Day	06.12.22	7, 3, 2
									National Careers Week Assembly—NHS Penine Acute Hospital	09.03.23	5, 3	National Apprenticeship Week Assembly—Introduction to Apprenticeships	06.02.23	5, 3
									FE College assemblies—Blackburn College	10.05.23	3, 7	National Careers Week Assembly—	06.03.23	5, 3
									Mock Interviews	June 2023	3, 5, 8	Engineering Nelson & Colne College		

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, 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. Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all pupils at lunch and break times.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

Approval and review

Approved by Governors at LGB Meeting

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Signed:

Peter Mulholland

Peter Mulholland, Chair of Governors

Jamie Peel

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