

The Friary School

PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY



Introduction

This policy statement sets out The Friary's arrangements for managing the access of providers to Students at 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.

Student Entitlement

All students in Years 8-13 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 Pathways events, Partnership Evenings, assemblies, group discussions, taster events, etc.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Provider Access Legislation (PAL)

This legislation specific that:

- Students during the 'First Key Phase' (Years 8 or 9) should have a mandatory two encounters.
- Students during the 'Second Key Phase' (Year 10 or 11) should have a mandatory two encounters.
- Students during the 'Third Key pPhase' (Year 12 or 13) should have a mandatory two encounters provided by the school although they are optional for students to attend.

This legislation is a key mechanism to further help learners understand and take-up, not just apprenticeships, but wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

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 students from the provider).
- Answer questions from students.

Previous Providers

In previous terms/years we have invited in a wide range of providers from the local area to speak to our students including:

- Department for Work and Pensions
- GE Next Engineers
- NHS Workforce Development Team
- Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)
- Balfour Beatty
- ASK Apprenticeships
- GXO Logistics

- Mercian Regiment
- Sidney Sussex College Cambridge
- University of Birmingham
- Keele University
- De Montfort University
- Staffordshire University
- University of Wolverhampton
- Aberyswyth University
- Work Experience Support Services
- National Citizens Service

Destinations of our Students

The destinations for our Year 11 students from the Summer 2023 cohort moved on to a range of providers in the local area after school:

Destination	Number
The Friary Sixth Form	87
Other Sixth Form	5
College	94
Apprenticeships	5
Employment	1
Scholarship	2

The destinations for our Year 13 students from the Summer 2023 cohort moved on to a range of providers nationally:

Destination	Number
University	58
College	1
Apprenticeships	8
Gap Year	12
Employment	5

The university destinations for our Year 13 students from the Summer 2023 cohort covered a wide range of providers:

University Destinations	Amount
First Choice University	51
Russell Group University	23
Oxbridge	1

Management of Provider Access Requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Helen Barratt, Assistant Headteacher and Careers Leader.

Telephone: 01543 267400

Email: hbarratt@friaryschool.co.uk.

Opportunities for Access

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

- Partnership Evenings (Years 8-13)
- Sixth Form Open Evening (Year 11)
- Pathways Evening (Year 9)
- Enrichment Days; which incorporate careers curriculum at all Key Stages
- Careers Week (Spring Term) - across all Year groups in assemblies and break-time activities
- Volunteers Week (Spring Term) - across all Year groups in assemblies and break-time activities
- Employability Workshops (Year 10 & 12)
- Work Experience in Experience Week (Summer Term) (Year 12)
- STEM Days (Year 8 & 9)
- As well as a range of bespoke assemblies and careers presentations.

We are particularly keen to provide the highest quality work experience and internship opportunities to our students and this is an area of great need. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you to support our school.

We have focused opportunities targeted at STEM and High Achieving students with bespoke programmes which you may also wish to consider supporting.

For further information or to discuss options please contact our Careers & Aspirations Coordinator, Faye Bullock, via fbullock@friaryschool.co.uk.

Premises & Facilities

We have outstanding presentation facilities including a lecture theatre seating 300 as well as fully equipped classrooms and conferencing facilities (with interactive smartboard technology) which can be booked for suitable opportunities.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with our Careers & Aspirations Team at The Friary Resource Hub which is regularly updated and is accessible to all students throughout the school day and for after school activities.

All students have email access and we are willing to send opportunities to targeted students.

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