



# **ALLERTON HIGH SCHOOL**

## **Career's Provider Access Policy 2025-26**

**Reviewed and Adopted by**      **Full Governing Board**

**Date Reviewed**                      **16 December 2025**

**Next Review Date:**                  **December 2026**

## Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school'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;
- 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;
- understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses and apprenticeships.

## Encounters with Providers

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;
- 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;
- understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses and apprenticeships.

Post 16 students, particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, will have additional provider encounters which are delivered via the Personal Development programme. The majority of these sessions are compulsory for all students. However, some sessions are targeted and offer bespoke guidance for particular pathways.

## Meaningful Provider Encounters

We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all students using the 'Making it Meaningful' [checklist](#). In line with this, students are given time to prepare for and reflect on encounters, such as providing feedback and preparing questions for providers in advance. We are also open to providers that are able to provide **live** online engagement with our students. Online engagement could include Virtual Work Experience and webinars for example Channel Talent and Speakers for Schools.

## Providers

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



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## Year 8 to 11

- **Leeds City College**
- Leeds College of Building
- **Leeds Sixth Form College**
- **Employment & Skills (Leeds City Council) – Apprenticeship Hub**
- Leeds Arts University
- Newcastle University (School of Engineering, School of Medical Science, Exploring University)
- LLS Football Coaching Academy
- **Channel 4** (Apprenticeship Provider)

## Post16

- **NHS (Apprenticeship Provider)**
- **Equans (Apprenticeship Provider)**
- Edge Hill University
- Leeds University (STEM)
- Leeds Beckett University
- Leeds Arts University
- Newcastle University
- Northumbria University (Student Finance + Interview skills)
- Bradford University
- University of York
- University of Leeds School of Medicine
- Employment & Skills (Leeds City Council) – Apprenticeship Hub
- University of Law
- The Open University
- Lancaster University

## Destinations of our Students

In 2023\* our 218 Year 11 students either progressed to our sixth form or moved to a range of providers in the local area:

- Sustained\*\* education, employment or training 94%
  - School sixth form 60%
  - FE College 23%  
(Farsley Football Centre, Harrogate College, Leeds City College and Leeds College of Building, Little League Soccer - LLS)
  - Sixth Form College 8%
  - Employment 1%
  - Apprenticeship 1%
- Not sustained 5%
- Not known 2%
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\* 2023 is the last year for which national data on destinations is available

\*\* Sustained means remained with the same provider for two terms

In 2023\* our 192 year 13 students moved to a range of Higher Education, Further Education, Apprenticeship, or employment providers:

- Sustained\*\* education, employment or training 63%  
\*\*(Students finishing 16 to 18 study who stayed in education from October to March the following year, including at UK universities, and further education colleges and other settings in England).
  - Employment 20%

○ Apprenticeship	5%
○ Not sustained	7%
○ Not known	5%

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## Management of provider access requests

### Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact our Careers Leader *Grant Clynes*, Assistant Head teacher (Post 16 Lead), Telephone: 0113 204 4770  
Email: [clyneg@allertonhigh.org.uk](mailto:clyneg@allertonhigh.org.uk)

### Opportunities for access

The school offers at least six provider encounters between Y8-Y13 as required by law (examples above in **bold**). However, a number of additional events are integrated into the school careers programme via the following:

- Fortnightly Assemblies for Y8-13
- PSE lessons for Y8-11
- Guided Choices evening for Y9
- Y9-10 Careers Speed Networking events for students to engage with 20 local employers from a range of industries
- Post 16 Information Evening for Y11
- External speakers visiting Personal Development sessions for Post 16 students throughout the year. Current examples include Unilever, KPMG, Nuclear Waste Services and the Magistrates Court
- Y8-13 students have access to the Unifrog web-based resource for Further and Higher Education and Labour Market Information



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The outline calendar below may be subject to change:

	<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Summer Term</b>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Event in assembly for providers (to be confirmed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Careers fair in PSE lessons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly on careers</li> </ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Event in assembly for providers (to be confirmed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guided Choices Evening including FE providers</li> <li>PSE lessons</li> <li>Careers Networking event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in Year 11</i></li> </ul>
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Event in assembly for providers LCC and LCoB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Careers interviews</li> <li>Guided Choices Evening</li> <li>Apprenticeship Hub assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assemblies on Labour Market Information</li> <li>Careers Networking event</li> </ul>
Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assemblies e.g. LCC and LLS</li> <li>PSE lessons</li> <li>Post 16 Information Evening</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post 16 interviews and visits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in Year 9</i></li> </ul>
Year 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assemblies</li> <li>Personal Development group sessions including Apprenticeships, FE and HE providers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assemblies</li> <li>Personal Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assemblies</li> <li>Personal Development</li> <li>HE fair including HE providers and local FE providers</li> <li>FE and HE visits</li> <li>Work Experience</li> </ul>
Year 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assemblies including FE and HE providers</li> <li>Personal Development</li> <li>Apprenticeship applications</li> <li>HE and FE visits</li> <li>UCAS Fair</li> <li>Meeting with careers advisor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assemblies</li> <li>Personal Development</li> <li>Meeting with careers advisor</li> <li>Apprenticeship Fair (at First Direct Arena)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in Year 13</i></li> <li>Confirmation of Post 18 education and training destinations for all students</li> </ul>

### **Premises and facilities**

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available audio/visual and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Lead or Careers Co-ordinator.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with school. Please contact Ella Richardson, Careers Coordinator.

## Safeguarding Statement for Visitors

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of our students and expect all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

### Review

The Provider Access Policy is reviewed annually by staff, SLT members and governors via the Learning & Curriculum Committee.

Next review: *November 2026*

Signed: *Janet Illingworth* Chair of Governors *Elaine Silson*, Head teacher



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