

PROVIDER ACCESS STATEMENT

(Ely College)

INTRODUCTION

This policy statement sets out Ely College'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 outlined in under Section 42B of the [Education Act 1997](#), the [Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022](#) and on page 43 of guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on [careers guidance and access for education and training providers](#).

PUPIL ENTITLEMENT

All pupils in years 8 to 13 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship 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 year 8 to 9 pupils and two encounters for year 10 to 11 pupils.

For pupils in year 12 to 13, particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

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 from The Careers & Enterprise Company.

PREVIOUS PROVIDERS

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

- Cambridge Regional College
- College of West Anglia
- Bishop Laney
- ARU
- St John's College, Cambridge University

DESTINATIONS OF OUR PUPILS

After Summer 2023 and 2024 our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school as detailed below.

Destination	2023	2024
Bishop Laney Sixth Form	31.6%	28.2%
Long Road Sixth Form College	24.5%	20.2%
Cambridge Regional College	16.5%	19.4%
Hills Road Sixth Form College	15.1%	13.7%
College of West Anglia	1.9%	4.0%
Other post-16 centres in Cambridgeshire	6.1%	5.2%
Apprenticeships	2.4%	0.8%
Other	0.5%	2.8%
NEET / STA support	1.9%	0.8%
Moved out of the area	0%	2.0%

After Summer 2023 and 2024 our year 13 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

Destination	2023	2024
University (other)	13%	33%
Anglia Ruskin University	19%	15%
Apprenticeship	19%	5%
Working	22%	16%
Gap Year	7%	7%
Seeking employment	19%	21%
Moved out of the area	0%	3%

MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUESTS

PROCEDURE

A provider wishing to request access should contact Max Grezio, Assistant Principal and Careers Leader. This can be done via telephone, 01353652800 or via email. Email addresses can be found on the school website under 'Contact us.'

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS

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

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

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Technical Routes Assembly	LMI Assemblies Apprenticeship fair on-site Technical routes taster event Careers Interviews (targeted) Guided choices evening	Work Shadowing or 2-day careers conference, preparation for work life
Year 9	Technical Routes Assembly	LMI Assemblies Apprenticeship Fair on-site Technical routes taster event	Enterprise Day Visit to ARU – introduction to Higher Education and HE subjects
Year 10	Technical Routes Assembly PSHE – Managing money, life skills Work experience launch Work experience preparation sessions	LMI Assemblies Apprenticeship fair on-site Targeted work experience support sessions Targeted Business Mentoring	Work Experience Targeted Business Mentoring

		Targeted University Mentoring Talk – St John’s College (Oxbridge)	
Year 11	Post 16 provider open evenings. Technical Routes Assembly Post 16 COWA assembly East Cambs Careers Fair Meetings with careers adviser Post 16 application	LMI Assemblies Mock Interviews Apprenticeship fair for targeted students Meetings with careers adviser Post-16 interviews Targeted University Mentoring Talk – St John’s College (Oxbridge)	No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 11 Meetings with careers adviser Post-16 interviews Confirmation of post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils.
Year 12	Armed / Public services presentation regarding progression routes.	Aspirational university experience day/s (early application and Oxbridge focus) Apprenticeship fair / presentation from large apprenticeship provider Meetings with careers adviser Targeted University Mentoring Talk – St John’s College (Oxbridge)	UCAS HE Fair Mock Interview and Progression Day comprising HE, apprenticeship, college-leaver scheme and public service providers Work Experience Meetings with careers adviser

Year 13	Higher and degree apprenticeship provider assembly and tutor time drop ins. Armed / Public services presentation regarding progression routes. Meetings with careers adviser Workshops – HE and higher apprenticeship applications.	Meetings with careers adviser Apprenticeship workshop by external apprenticeship advocate. Targeted work experience for students on VTQs	No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 13. Confirmation of post-18 education and training destinations for all pupils.
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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, which will be accessible to pupils.

COMPLAINTS

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised through the Meridian Trust complaints procedure.

APPROVAL AND REVIEW

Approved by the school's Academy Council, reviewed every 2 years or at the point of new legislation.

Next review: 1st January 2027