EQUITAS ACADEMIES TRUST

Provider Access Policy

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Policy Lead:	Careers Lead

Aston Manor Academy
Provider Access Policy 2026-2027

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 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 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). For pupils in the 'third key phase' (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.

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:

- Barclay's Life Skills
- Royal Navy
- Lendlease
- ARUP
- The Talent Foundry
- PWC
- Ahead Partnership
- British Telecom
- NextGen
- Speakers Trust
- Tomorrows Engineers
- Willmott Dixon
- Severn Trent
- HSBC
- Ernest & Young
- NHS
- IGD
- BPP
- Pinsent Masons
- Goldman Sachs
- Unifrog
- British Army
- BBC Radio
- Sport4Life
- Think Fest
- National Crime Agency
- Ahead Partnership

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers across Birmingham:

- Aston Manor Academy Sixth Form
- Aston University Engineering Academy (AUEA)
- Aston University Math's School (AUMS)
- Cadbury College
- University College Birmingham
- Sandwell College
- South & City College
- Birmingham Metropolitan College
- Access Creative College

Last year our year 13 pupils moved to range of FE providers:

AECC University College
Aston University
Birmingham City University
Birmingham Metropolitan
NCS Aston Villa Foundation
Coventry University
Oxford Brooke University
The University of Law
University of Birmingham
University of Lincoln
University of Wolverhampton
Worcester University
St George University
Keele University
King's College London
Leicester University
Newcastle University
Staffordshire University
Stoke City College
UCFB
University of Essex
University of South Wales
University of Warwick

Management of provider access requests

Procedure
A provider wishing to request access should contact.
Aston Manor Academy
School reception on; 0121 359 8108
Or email:
Jasbir Kular - SLT Careers Lead: jkular@astonmanoracademy.com
Lyn Ajibade – KS3 Careers & Work Experience Co-Ordinator:
lajibade@astonmanoracademy.com
Eileen Hughes – Careers Lead & Careers Advisor: *ehughes@astonmanoracademy.com*

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law 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 Team to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Unifrog launch and form time sessions HS2 STEM/Engineering workshop STEAM House – working in cyber security and technology inc women's careers in cyber tech	Careers Fair – March/NCW Employer event for pupils, providing the opportunity to meet and interact with employers from local, regional and national organisations. KS4 Options events for Year 9 choices. Aston University Keith Bradshaw Introduction to Healthcare. NHS Dr Andrea Jester/Amy McClean. Skills for Careers including hand surgery Assembly with Lendlease. Day at Severn Trent Head office BT Bootcamp The Talent Foundry - Skills required for the workplace/Skill Builder Barclay's Life Skills Programme Unifrog programme during form time	Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers STEAM Opportunities: Small Piece Trust - Full day of practical activities, competition and presentation

Year 9	Unifrog launch and form time sessions	Careers Fair – March/NCW Employer event for pupils, providing the opportunity to meet and interact with employers from local, regional and national organisations. Apprenticeship Week activities/speakers Aston University Keith Bradshaw Introduction to Healthcare. NHS workshop Royal Navy workshops IGD Subjects to Jobs. Digital speed networking. Assembly with Lendlease. Assembly with ARUP. UNIFROG programme during form time (fortnightly)	Lendlease – Construction Careers Unifrog during form time
Year 10	Post 16 technical/vocational education options assembly with General Further Education Colleges Careers enrichment day	Careers Fair – March/NCW Employer event for pupils, providing the opportunity to meet and interact with employers from local, regional and national organisations. Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, apprenticeship information and training providers	Technical/vocational college visits/tasters Mock interview Day with external providers Work experience placement – 2 weeks (July) UNIFROG programme during form time (fortnightly)

	RSHE Careers curriculum SOW	Apprenticeship week activities Aimhigher Mentoring Aston Engineering UCB HAG Taster Sessions (FOOD) ARUP Assemblies Life Skills – work experience preparation sessions (CV, Interviews, resources and techniques)	Confirmation of post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils Introduction to apprenticeship assembly

		Severn Trent CV & interview techniques. Aston University Keith Bradshaw Introduction to Healthcare. College & University visits UNIFROG programme during form time (fortnightly)	
Year 11	Post 16 providers/ assemblies: BMW Apprenticeships/ Severn Trent Apprenticeships/ Willmott Dixon Careers/Local College Assemblies	Post-16 interviews	

	open evenings Post 16Careers Enrichment Day Oct Careers Advisor whole year session one to one advice & guidance interviews RSHE Careers curriculum SOW Options at age 16 – signposting assembly Meetings with careers adviser Post 16 applications	Apprenticeship week activities Feb Careers Fair – March/NCW Employer event for pupils, providing the opportunity to meet and interact with employers from local, regional and national organisations Raising Achievement evening (March) Apprenticeship sessions/applicants & workshops UNIFROG programme during form time (fortnightly) Post 16 research, applications and college offers	
Year 12	Higher Education fair for a variety of HE providers including local Further Education colleges	UCAS, and Apprenticeships Advice & Guidance with 6th Form Team On going work experience every Wednesday through Enrichment University visits/open events	Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers via displays, enrichment assemblies Work Experience placement

		Apprenticeship week activities Feb	on going work

		Careers Fair – March/NCW Employer event for pupils, providing the opportunity to meet and interact with employers from local, regional and national organisations. Apprenticeship sessions/ application workshops UNIFROG programme during form time (fortnightly)	experience every Wednesday through Enrichment
	Autumn Term	**Spring Term**	**Summer Term**
Year 13	Post 18 assembly – with higher and degree apprenticeship providers Workshops – HE and higher apprenticeship Applications On going work experience every Wednesday through Enrichment	One to one advice & guidance with target group Careers Fayre- March Apprenticeships advertised Apprenticeship sessions/assemblies and parental workshop On going work experience every Wednesday through Enrichment UNIFROG programme during form time fortnightly	Confirmation of post-18 education and training destinations for all pupils On going work experience every Wednesday through Enrichment Confirmation of post-18 education and training destinations for all pupils

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 with the Careers Lead.

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

Next review: September 2027