

THE RIPLEY ACADEMY

A member of the East Midlands Education Trust



Provider Access Policy

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PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the Academy for the purposes of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the Academy's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Student entitlement

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 options evenings, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

For students of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for students during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for students during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11). For students 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 students 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 students from the provider)
- answer questions from students

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between students and one provider.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our students.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact the school:

Telephone: (01773) 746334 / Email: enquiries@ripleyacademy.org



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.

Please speak to our named Careers Co-ordinator to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The Academy will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. We 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 Co-ordinator. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with our Careers Co-ordinator who will distribute the relevant information to students.

Approved by: Head of School

Next review date: 23rd January 2026

Person Responsible: Head of CEIAG



	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Introduction to Forbo Flooring (careers & apprenticeships) Meet the apprentice- Tutor time Teams assembly	NTU assembly	Medical Mavericks
Year 8	Introduction to Forbo Flooring (careers & apprenticeships) Meet the apprentice- Tutor time Teams assembly	NTU Workshop Science STEM day	ASK Apprenticeships & DANCOP Workshop
Year 9	Introduction to Forbo Flooring (careers & apprenticeships) Meet the apprentice- Tutor time Teams assembly MFL Motivational speaker	KS4 options event inc Careers Advisor & Enterprise Advisor NTU PP Workshop	ASK Apprenticeship& DANCOP Workshop
Year 10	Forbo flooring apprenticeships assembly. Meet the apprentice-Tutor time Teams assembly	NTU PP Workshop 'Sixth Former for a day' Year 10 Maths Feast Broomfield College Visits ASK Apprenticeship Assembly	ASK Apprenticeships & DANCOP workshops
Year 11	Forbo flooring apprenticeships assembly Meet the apprentice-Tutor time Teams assembly ASK Apprenticeships workshops College applications workshops	Post 16 evening Post 16 taster sessions NTU thinking ahead workshops Chamaeleon Construction College Talks Chesterfield college group – supporting student progression visits	
Year 12	NTU (Applying to University and Student Finance finance) Careers sessions	Derby University DANCOP Nottingham University (how to research) Derby University Degree Apprenticeship Fair University of Sheffield UCAS Fair and Campus Visit	Nottingham University (writing personal statements) NTU (researching HE options) Careers Interviews
Year 13	ASK apprenticeship workshops 1:1 UCAS support 1:1 Apprenticeship application support University of Nottingham speaker	Nottingham University ASK Interview workshops Derby University Careers Interviews	1:1 Apprenticeship and Job application support

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	Careers Interviews	1:1 UCAS support 1:1 Apprenticeship application support Nottingham University (study skills and revision) Derby University Degree Apprenticeship Fair	

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