



Anthony Gell
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PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

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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.

Student entitlement

All students 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 students of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for year 8 to 9 students and two encounters for year 10 to 11 students. For students in years 12 and 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
- answer questions from students.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between students and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters for all students using the 'making it meaningful' checklist.

Previous providers

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

Sheffield Hallam University

ASK Apprenticeship

University of Sheffield

Chesterfield College

University of Derby

Derby College

University of Nottingham

Destinations of our students

Last year our year 11 students moved to range of providers following completion of their studies in Year 11:

Provision	Students
Apprenticeship, Supported Internship or Traineeship	5
Full Time Education - AGS Sixth Form	94
Full Time Education or Training - Other Institution	24
Other Destination	11

Last year our year 13 students moved to range of providers following completion of their studies at AGS:

Destination	Number of students	Notes
University	35	
Employment	7	
Gap Year	8	
Other	3	Apprenticeships
Total	53	

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact Katy Lowe, Assistant Headteacher via klowe@anthonygell.co.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school's careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students or their parents/carers. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you, via klowe@anthonygell.co.uk.

Premises and facilities

The school will make large spaces, classrooms and meeting rooms available for discussions between providers and students, 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 another member of school staff.

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

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.

Complaints

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers and Enterprise Company.