

PROVIDER ACCESS STATEMENT 2023-2024

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1) Statement

This sets out the arrangements for managing the access of providers to college students in line with a broad and full ranging careers programme that acknowledges the need for information about providers' education and or training offer.

This complies with the college's legal obligations as per Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 (Baker Clause).

2) Student Entitlement

All students at Northampton College are entitled:

- to find out about higher education and 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 and national 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 and for employment.

Provider encounters will be scheduled during the main college hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- share information about both the provider and the career opportunities 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

3) Meaningful Provider Encounters

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

[Making it Meaningful: Benchmark 7 | CEC Resource Directory \(careersandenterprise.co.uk\)](https://careersandenterprise.co.uk/making-it-meaningful/benchmark-7)

4) Premises and Facilities

The College will make the lecture theatre, teaching rooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The College 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 at the College Libraries to be made available for students to access in the Careers section.

5) Management of Provider Access Requests

A provider wishing to arrange access must contact:

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