



Harton
Academy



Provider Access Policy

October 2023

1 Introduction

This policy statement sets out the Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school 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. It also complies with the updated legislation from January 2023.

2 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.

From the updated Provider Access Legislation (PAL), arrangements are made that there are at least six encounters with approved providers of apprenticeships and technical education for all students. This includes:

- Two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'third key phase' (year 12 or 13) that are mandatory for the school to put on but optional for pupils to attend

This is met through a range of activities throughout the calendar year during the Personal Development lessons, where students engage with a range of local providers. There are also a range of opportunities throughout the school year for the different year groups, which fulfil the PAL. These are set out below.

3 Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact: Mrs Sophie Cassar, Personal Development and Progression Lead.

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Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme will provide Harton Academy students with information on different pathways available post-16 and post-18. This offers providers with an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents. These are detailed

below. In addition to this, all year groups are invited to a careers fair during National Apprenticeship Week that has a range of providers from the local area to engage with our students.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8			<p>A Year 8 careers lesson on decision making will include reference to the <u>full range</u> of post-16 options available to our students</p> <p>NHS performance on pathways to NHS roles</p>
Year 9	<p>Drama-based performance informing about diversity of learning options available post-16 (Destination Success)</p>	<p>In preparation for their KS4 Options choices, all students will participate in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-16 Options assembly delivered by a 6th Form, FE College and Apprenticeship provider. These providers will also attend the KS4 Options Night • An employer event, where employers are asked to reference the various pathways into their companies/organisations 	
Year 10	<p>Targeted students will be transported to the 'Your Next Steps' event. All students will have this event promoted to them.</p>	<p>Year 10/11 Assembly on Apprenticeships</p>	<p>FE Taster Day – all Year 10 students will attend a college for a taster day.</p> <p>University Day – all Year 10 students will attend a day at a local university</p>
Year 11	<p>Routes to Employment – FE and Apprenticeships event. Students and parents/carers will be invited to attend an event that promotes the <u>full range</u> of post-16 options available including apprenticeships/technical qualifications.</p>	<p>Guidance interviews continue</p> <p>Year 10/11 Assembly on Apprenticeships</p> <p>Details of specific apprenticeships are emailed directly to all Year 11 students</p> <p>FE providers invited to conduct assemblies with all Year 11</p>	<p>Guidance interviews continue and further emails with details of potential vacancies will be sent to students</p>

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	One-to-one guidance interviews – all suitable routes will be discussed during these appointments (which parents/carers are also routinely invited to). Action plans are completed during the interviews, which contain website details for a range of different options. Details of the local open days for all FE providers are also shared with all students	students to promote their pathway.	
Year 12	One-to-one guidance interviews – all suitable routes will be discussed during these appointments	<p>A series of Post-18 assemblies, including one on apprenticeships and school leaver programmes/degree apprenticeships</p> <p>A post-18 options evening, used to inform students and their parents of the pathways available.</p> <p>Guidance interviews continue</p>	Guidance interviews continue
Year 13	Guidance interviews continue	<p>Guidance interviews continue</p> <p>Details of apprenticeships/school leaver programmes/degree apprenticeships are emailed to the Year 13 students</p> <p>Additional support is given to students who have not applied to university (once the UCAS deadline has passed)</p>	Guidance interviews continue and further vacancy details will be emailed directly to all Year 13 students

Under the Academy's safeguarding policy we ask providers who will have the opportunity for regular contact with children to have a DBS check in place. They will also be subject to reasonable supervision.

4 Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, lecture theatre, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider 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 a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the school's Student Progression Manager. Students have access to this information during break and lunchtime, as well as during their 1-1 guidance interviews.

Awaiting LGB ratification