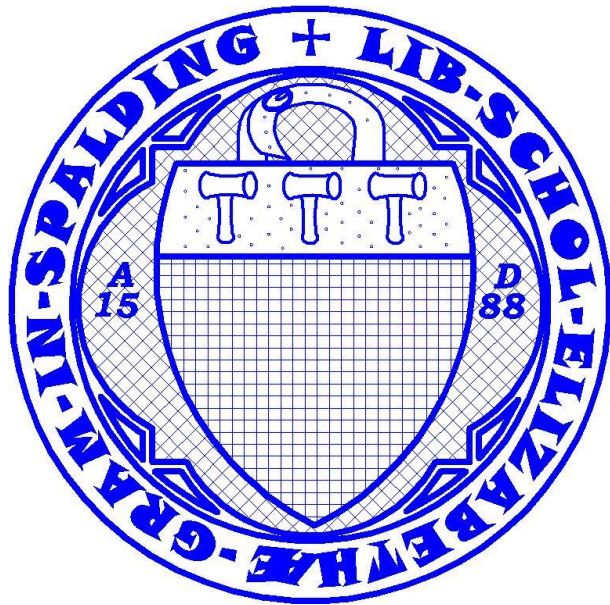


# Spalding Grammar School



## Provider Access Policy

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**Two years**

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**July 2024**

## **Introduction**

This policy statement sets out the School's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the School for the purpose of giving them information about the providers' 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 -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
- 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
- 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' (Years 8 and 9) and two encounters for students in the 'second key phase' (Years 10 and 11). For students in the 'third key phase' (Years 12 and 13), particularly those that have not decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for students to attend.

## **Management of provider access requests**

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Ms C Barratt [Careers Lead]

Telephone: 01775 765800

Email: [CBarratt@spaldinggrammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:CBarratt@spaldinggrammar.lincs.sch.uk)

## **Premises and facilities**

The School will make the main hall, 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 supply a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature to be placed in the Careers Library, placed in the School Library. The Library is available to all students at lunch and break times.

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 line online engagement with our students.

## **Previous providers**

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

- The RAF
- The Navy
- The Army
- Humber Maritime College
- ASK Apprenticeships
- Burmor Construction independent provider – school's external Enterprise Advisor
- Lincolnshire County Council Engagement
- NCFM apprenticeships in the local area
- Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
- Bakkavor
- Brooksby FE College
- Riverside Training
- Boston College
- Over 100 work experience providers for our Year 10 students

## **Destinations of our students**

Last year our Year 11 students moved to a range of providers in the local area after school:

- Other Sixth Form providers
- Boston College
- Stamford College
- University Academy Holbeach
- Thea Cox Mortgages and Financial solutions apprenticeship provider
- College of West Anglia
- National College for Motorsport

Last year our Year 13 students moved to a range of providers in the local area after school:

- Calthrops Solicitors
- Bakkavor
- KIXX coaching
- Steadfast

Year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8			Humber Maritime College assembly
Year 9		Engagement with careers fayre  Navy presentation	University/FE external visit <i>No encounters – legislation required encounters to take place by 28 February if in Year 9</i>
Year 10	RAF assembly	Engagement with careers fayre  ASK apprenticeship assembly  Employer engagement workshop. Students chose from: Green energy careers, Coveris, Eurovia, NHS Talent Academy LCC Art IT	Personal guidance meetings
Year 11	Personal guidance meetings	Engagement with careers fayre  Personal guidance meetings  ASK apprenticeship workshop  Navy presentation	<i>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in Year 11</i>
Year 12		Engagement with careers fayre	Personal guidance meetings  University visit – Humber Maritime College assembly
Year 13	Personal guidance meetings	Engagement with careers fayre  Personal guidance meetings	<i>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in Year 13</i>