

Spalding Grammar School

PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY Sept 2026

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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at 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.

Pupil Entitlement

All pupils in years 7 -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 pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11). For pupils 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 pupils to attend.

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Chloe Barratt [Careers Lead]

Telephone: 01775 765800

Email: 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 pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils 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 pupils.

Previous providers

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

- The RAF
- The Navy
- The Army
- NHS Talent Academy
- Humber Maritime College
- Inspire Education Group
- ASK Apprenticeships
- Caterpillar
- Travis Perkins
- Burmor Construction independent provider – school's external Enterprise Advisor
- J.O Sims
- Lincolnshire County Council engagement
- Over 100 work experience providers for Year 10 and Year 12
- NCFM apprenticeships in the local area
- Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
- Bakkavor
- Brooksby FE college
- Riverside Training
- Boston College
- College of West Anglia

Destinations of our pupils

In the last few years our year 11 pupils moved to 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
- Bakkavor
- Caterpillar
- National College for Motorsport
- Access Creative College Lincoln

In the last few years our year 13 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- Calthrops Solicitors
- Bakkavor
- KIXX coaching
- Caterpillar
- Perkins
- Steadfast

Approval and review

Approved [date] by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee

Next review: [date]

Signed: [name] Chair of Governors [name] Head teacher