



# Baines School

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The Governors of Baines School

## **Provider Access Policy**

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Next Review due: February 2027

**This policy will be reviewed annually**

## **Introduction**

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.

## **Pupil entitlement**

All pupils in years 8 to 11 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.

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). 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 a meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils and online engagement is also an option for 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:

- Blackpool Sixth Form
- Blackpool and The Fylde College
- Myerscough College
- Preston College
- Cardinal Newman College
- AKS Lytham Sixth Form
- Rossall Sixth Form
- St Mary's Sixth Form
- Kirkham Grammar Sixth Form
- ASK Apprenticeships
- Training 2000
- Blackpool Football Club Community Trust
- Fleetwood Football Club Community Trust
- Lancaster University School of Mathematics

### **Destinations of our pupils**

Last year our year 11 pupils progressed on to a wide range of providers in the local area including:

- Blackpool Sixth Form
- Blackpool and The Fylde College
- Myerscough College
- Preston College
- Cardinal Newman College
- Lancaster University School of Mathematics
- Rossall Sixth Form
- Blackpool Football Club Sports College
- Prodirect Academy

## Management of provider access requests

### Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact our Careers Leader, Shelley Wild.

Telephone: 01253 883019; Email: [swd@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:swd@baines.lancs.sch.uk)

### Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents or carers. Our events and opportunities are reviewed annually but typically include:

Year 7	IDEA Bronze Award Dragon's Den Day Den Day BBC Bitesize employer panel
Year 8	Role model talk BBC Bitesize employer panel Explorer Day
Year 9	Careers Fair Options evening Wyre Careers Fair Apprenticeship talk Work with NHS Day Explorer Day
Year 10	Careers Fair Post 16 Experience Days at local colleges Work Experience BBC Bitesize employer panel
Year 11	Mock Interviews with Employers Careers Fair Assemblies from local colleges/sixth forms

Please contact us to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Details of our full careers programme can be found on the careers section of the website here: <https://baines.lancs.sch.uk/careers/>

Our careers programme is reviewed by the Lancashire Careers Hub to ensure we are adhering to PAL and the Gatsby Benchmarks. We also provide opportunities for students, parents, employers, volunteers and educational providers to evaluate our careers programme through feedback forms.

### **Premises and facilities**

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, 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 the Careers team. Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are able to offer live online engagement with our pupils.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Hub, which is managed by the school Careers Adviser.

### **Complaints**

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via [provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk](mailto:provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk)