

Provider Access Policy Statement

Flixton Girls School	Provider Access Policy
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Signed:	Chair or Governors and Head teacher

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to Flixton Girls School students 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 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 events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
- to 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.

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. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the [Making it Meaningful](#) checklist. 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 years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils during our careers and pathways events:

- The Manchester College
- Trafford College Group
- Salford City College
- Reaseheath College
- Myerscough College
- Dragon Football Academy
- White Rose Beauty College
- Juice Academy
- Unity Radio
- Stretford Grammar School
- STRIVE
- Xaverian 6th form College
- Loreto 6th form College
- Wates
- ISG Group
- KPMG
- Manchester United Football Club
- Amazing apprenticeships
- The Growth Company
- PwC
- NHS
- Sellafield
- Army
- Royal Navy
- Greater Manchester Police
- Target Careers
- Mploy Solutions
- GM (Greater Manchester) Higher
- The University of Manchester Gateway programme
- The University of Law
- Liverpool John Moore University
- Edgehill University
- UA92

Any other providers of post 16/18 education and training are welcome to contact our Careers Leader / team on flixton-student-admin@vantageacademies.co.uk for information on forthcoming events.

Management of provider access requests and Opportunities for access

Procedure: A provider wishing to request access should contact Irene Bates, Careers coordinator, on 0161 960 0160 or flixton-student-admin@vantageacademies.co.uk

Our school offers the six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into

school (during the school day) to speak to pupils and also hold some evening events where providers can also speak to parents or carers.

Below is our standard year of pathways related events. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	<p>Labour Market Information is introduced, providers are welcome to support.</p> <p>Careers platform with LMI, careers videos, careers of the week, careers webinars and any other careers information.</p> <p>HBW days Preparing for options.</p> <p>Meet the author day and workshop.</p> <p>Careerometer LMI on the career's platform.</p> <p>Access to the careers video library with every subject listed and at least 40 different careers that subject could lead to.</p> <p>Job of the week on careers platform.</p> <p>Introduction to Xello, an online career. Xello puts the student at the centre of their career planning experience. Students build self-knowledge, explore post-secondary options, create plans, and continually reassess as they take in new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p>Employer encounter event for pupils, supported by local providers.</p> <p>Careers and enterprise day and doing the dragons activity.</p> <p>The University of Manchester Gateway programme.</p> <p>Options talks prior to selecting their options.</p> <p>Webinars during National careers week.</p> <p>Take your child to work day.</p> <p>BAE and Royal Navy event in school.</p> <p>Numeracy action week.</p> <p>Outward bound residential contact with employers and inspire outdoor pursuit instructors.</p>	<p>Assemblies on post 14 options / tasters at local providers</p> <p>Visit to the sculpture park.</p> <p>Parents information evening.</p> <p>Careers questionnaires.</p>

Year 9	<p>Careers Advisor introduction assemblies.</p> <p>Careers platform with LMI, careers videos, careers of the week, careers webinars and any other careers information.</p> <p>PSHE lessons covering the theme of 'money management and employment.</p> <p>Salters Festival of Chemistry for students inspiring towards STEAM</p> <p>Access to the careers video library with every subject listed and at least 40 different careers that subject could lead to.</p> <p>Continued use of Xello, an online career. Xello puts the student at the centre of their career planning experience. Students build self-knowledge, explore post-secondary options, create plans, and continually reassess as they take in new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p>LS4 options event supported by local post 16 providers.</p> <p>Employer encounter event for pupils, supported by local providers.</p> <p>Careers and enterprise day and doing the dragon dens activity.</p> <p>Investigate careers focus trips, assemblies, lessons to focus on careers in Maths/ Science subjects.</p> <p>The University of Manchester Gateway programme.</p> <p>Beewell Festival for students' opinions about their futures.</p> <p>Onatti Production inspiring careers in performing arts.</p> <p>Chatsworth House visit Geography and Food for inspiring geographers and food careers.</p> <p>Year 9 Numeracy action week</p> <p>Webinars during National careers week.</p> <p>Take your child to work day.</p> <p>Careers Questionnaire for students to have their</p>	<p><i>Legislation requires encounters to take place by 28th Feb if in yr9.</i></p>

		say about what careers input they require.	
Year 10	<p>Post 16 technical education options assembly with Further Education Colleges</p> <p>Careers platform with LMI, careers videos, careers of the week, careers webinars and any other careers information.</p> <p>The University of Manchester Gateway programme.</p> <p>Access to the careers video library with every subject listed and at least 40 different careers that subject could lead to.</p> <p>PSHE Lessons covering the theme of preparing a CV, managing money, loans, mortgages.</p> <p>The university and apprenticeship event</p> <p>Participate careers focus trips, assemblies, lessons to focus on careers in PE/ Performing arts subjects.</p> <p>Careers and enterprise day at FGS with employers training providers FE (Further Education) and HE</p> <p>Outward Bound to Loch Eil Scotland. Outward bound residential contact with employers</p>	<p>Technical / vocational tasters at local colleges and training providers</p> <p>Employer encounter event for pupils, supported by local providers.</p> <p>Webinars during National careers week.</p> <p>Take your child to work day.</p> <p>Careers Questionnaire for students to have their say about what careers input they require.</p> <p>Work experience and careers assemblies</p> <p>Connexions drop-in sessions and priority students' appointments</p> <p>History visits to Thackray Museum</p> <p>Q & A with local politician for students thinking of studying politics.</p> <p>Visit to The Bridgewater Hall for aspiring musicians or working within hospitality.</p> <p>Drama visits to The Lowry for aspiring students working in performing arts.</p> <p>Numeracy action week for year 10 students.</p>	<p>Technical / vocational tasters at local college/s and training providers</p> <p>Work experience week in June all year 10 students are out that week.</p> <p>Geography Dorset trip for aspiring geographers.</p> <p>Onatti production for aspiring performing arts.</p> <p>Parents information evening for discussion about work experience and moving forward into year 11.</p>

	<p>and inspire outdoor pursuit instructors.</p> <p>Continued use of Xello, an online career. Xello puts the student at the centre of their career planning experience. Students build self-knowledge, explore post-secondary options, create plans, and continually reassess as they take in new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Geography Salford Quays field trip</p> <p>Connexions appointments for students with different career needs or drop-in session.</p> <p>Form talks about what is involved in the next 12 months, including careers platform where all the information is posted for students and parents to access and college application procedure.</p>	
Year 11	<p>Post 16 provider open evenings and apprenticeships assemblies take place. Meetings with Careers Advisor on post 16 applications.</p> <p>Careers platform with LMI, careers videos, careers of the week, careers webinars and any other careers information.</p> <p>The University of Manchester Gateway programme.</p> <p>National university and apprenticeship show</p> <p>Access to the careers video library with every subject listed and at least 40 different careers that subject could lead to.</p> <p>The university and apprenticeship event</p>	<p>Post 16 interviews.</p> <p>Employer encounter event for pupils, supported by local providers.</p> <p>Mock interviews with employers.</p> <p>Webinars during National careers week.</p> <p>Take your child to work day.</p> <p>1:2:1 appointment with the Connexions advisor and a copy of their personalised careers action plan.</p> <p>Communicate careers focus trips, assemblies, lessons to focus on careers in English/ Languages</p> <p>Year 11 parents' information evening attended by Connexions and FGS careers coordinator.</p>	<p><i>Legislation requires encounters to take place by 28th Feb if in yr11.</i></p> <p>Confirmation of post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils.</p>

	<p>PSHE lessons covering the theme of college interviews, applying for part time jobs in HWB curriculum</p> <p>6th form and college interviews- college visits and open days information both online and paper copy. Apprenticeship talk- alternative routes into employment</p> <p>1:2:1 appointment with the Connexions advisor and a copy of their personalised careers action plan.</p> <p>Careers and enterprise day at FGS with employers training providers FE and HE CV writing, course research and looking at college application forms.</p> <p>Continued use of Xello, an online career. Xello puts the student at the centre of their career planning experience. Students build self-knowledge, explore post-secondary options, create plans, and continually reassess as they take in new knowledge, skills, and experiences.</p>	<p>Careers and Connexions assemblies to introduce the next 9 months.</p> <p>A-Level taster day for students to experience doing an A-Level subject.</p> <p>The University and apprenticeship event.</p> <p>Onatti Production inspiring careers in performing arts.</p> <p>History visits to Thackray Museum for aspiring historians.</p> <p>GCSE Dance group to visit Phoenix Dance Theatre Leeds for aspiring performing artists.</p> <p>Drama visits to The Lowry for aspiring students working in performing arts.</p> <p>Numeracy action week for year 11.</p> <p>Webinars during National careers week.</p> <p>Trafford college drop-in session for students to discuss the college applications.</p>	
Year 12	Higher Education fair for a variety of providers including local Further Education colleges	Small group sessions: future education, training, and employment options	Technical / vocational tasters at local college/s and training providers

	<p>Post 18 pathways assemblies.</p> <p>Careers platform with LMI, careers videos, careers of the week, careers webinars and any other careers information.</p> <p>The university and apprenticeship event</p> <p>Webinars relevant for 6th form students regarding HE and higher-level apprenticeships.</p> <p>GM Higher support with the MAP's programme.</p> <p>UCAS lessons and support with preparation for university application and personal statement writing.</p> <p>Explore MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses)</p> <p>University visits and campus tours.</p> <p>Discovery days at university for specific courses.</p>	<p>meetings with Careers Advisor.</p> <p>Employer encounter event for pupils, supported by local providers.</p> <p>University visits and campus tours.</p> <p>Discovery days at university for specific courses.</p> <p>Careers and enterprise day at FGS with employers training providers FE (Further Education) and HE</p>	<p>Work experience for year 12 in July.</p>
Year 13	<p>Post 18 assembly – with higher and degree apprenticeship providers.</p> <p>Workshops – HE and higher apprenticeship applications</p> <p>Careers platform with LMI, careers videos, careers of the week, careers webinars and any other careers information.</p>	<p>Meetings with Trafford College Careers Advisor</p>	<p><i>Legislation requires encounters to take place by 28th Feb if in yr13.</i></p> <p>Confirmation of post-18 education and training destinations for all pupils.</p>

	<p>The university and apprenticeship event</p> <p>Webinars relevant for 6th form students regarding HE and higher-level apprenticeships</p> <p>UCAS lessons and support with the university application, support with the clearing process.</p>		
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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 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 Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all pupils at lunch and break times.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company:

provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk