



## **RIVER ACADEMY**

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## 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 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

River Academy opened in 2024 and currently has students in Year 7 and Year 8 only. As a result, we have not had any previous provider visits.

## Destinations of our pupils

Due to being a brand new school, River Academy has no Destinations Data. The first set of Destinations Data will be available after 2029.

## Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact Laura Billingham, Deputy Headteacher, via the School Reception.

## Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers. Please speak to our Careers Lead to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

	<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Summer Term</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	Unifrog into Year 8 relaunch (students are set up in Year 7)  Barclays Lifeskills Programme (ongoing)  <b>Languages at University of Reading Assembly</b>	Barclays Lifeskills Programme (ongoing)  MET Careers Fair  Careers' Week	Barclays Lifeskills Programme (ongoing)  Careers Programme as part of Personal Development (see River Curriculum for specific details).

## 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.

## 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)