



Forest of
Dean Trust

Provider Access Policy Statement

DENE MAGNA SCHOOL

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1. Aims

This policy statement aims to set out our school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students for the purpose of giving them information about their offer. It sets out:

- Procedures in relation to requests for access
- The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access
- Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

The Dene Magna policy for Access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

- To develop the knowledge and awareness of our students of all career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.
- To support young people to be able to learn more about opportunities for education and training outside of school before making crucial choices about their future options.
- To reduce drop out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

2. Statutory requirements

Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in years 8 to 13 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.

Schools must provide a minimum of 6 encounters with technical education or training providers to all pupils in years 8 to 13 (see more detail in section 2.1 below).

Schools must also have a policy statement that outlines the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to these students.

This is outlined in section 42B of the [Education Act 1997](#), the [Skills and Post-16 Act 2022](#) and on page 43 of guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on [careers guidance and access for education and training providers](#).

This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements.

2.1 The 6 encounters schools must offer to all pupils in years 8 to 13

Schools must offer:

Year 8 and 9

- 2 encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 or 9)
- All pupils must attend
- Encounters can take place any time during year 8, and between 1 September and 28 February during year 9.

Year 10 and 11

- 2 encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 or 11)

- All pupils must attend
- Encounters can take place any time during year 10, and between 1 September and 28 February during year 11.

Year 12 and 13

- 2 encounters for pupils during the 'third key phase' (year 12 or 13)
- Pupils can choose to attend
- Encounters can take place any time during year 12, and between 1 September and 28 February during year 13

These encounters must happen for a reasonable period of time during the standard school day. Schools can continue to provide complementary experiences, but encounters outside of school hours won't count towards these requirements.

Schools must ask each provider to provide the following information as a minimum:

- Information about the provider and the approved qualifications or apprenticeships they offer Information about what careers those qualifications and apprenticeships can lead to
- What learning or training with the provider is like
- Answers to any questions from pupils

Please see our Careers Programme which details these encounters:

<https://www.denemagna.co.uk/page/?title=Careers+Programme+2022%2D23&pid=704>

All employers are briefed by the Careers Lead or Event Organisers on the information they must provide. Feedback from students is sought following each event. All events are logged onto Compass+, our evaluation tool.

2.2 Meaningful provider encounters

Our school is committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils.

Dene Magna School is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. Dene Magna is fully aware of the responsibility to set students on the path that will secure the best outcome which will enable them to progress in education and work and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

Dene Magna School endeavours to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and are able to access information on technical options and apprenticeships (The Department of Education, July 2021: "Baker Clause": supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options, and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023).

Meaningful live online engagement is also an option at our school, for example, live into classrooms, assemblies, virtual work experience through Springpod, Speakers for Schools, etc.

3. Student entitlement

All students in years 8 to 13 at Dene Magna School and Sixth Form are entitled to:

- Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities as part of our 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, e.g. through activities and events such as assemblies, mock interviews, careers fairs and taster events
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses

4. Management of provider access requests

4.1 Procedure

The school offers a comprehensive Careers programme and an overview of this programme can be seen on the school website. Please speak to our Careers Lead to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. In accordance with the requirements of “Keeping Children Safe in Education” (September 2022) paras 302- 311, for visitors that come into School to engage in regulated activity relating to Careers Guidance (e.g. Employers undertaking mock interviews) all visitor protocols (such as ID checks and signing in procedures) are followed and checks are made to ensure the visitor has the appropriate DBS and vetting/barring clearance. If a visitor does not have the appropriate vetting and barring checks in place they are accompanied by a member of staff at all times and a risk assessment is undertaken. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature, and Employers are welcome to leave a copy of any promotional material with the Careers Lead to be displayed in the Careers Library.

A provider wishing to request access should contact Jo Rich, Careers Lead:

Telephone: 07490 392146

Email: j.rich@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk

4.2 Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into our careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	STEM Roadshow	National Apprenticeship Week National Careers Week	No encounters
Year 9	AccXel Taster Day Meeting with careers adviser	National Apprenticeship Week National Careers Week Key Stage 4 options event	No encounters
Year 10	Work Experience Post-16 technical education options assembly with General Further Education College Meetings with Careers Adviser AxxCel Taster Day	National Apprenticeship Week National Careers Week Work Experience DM Careers Fair Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers Meetings with Careers Adviser	Work Experience Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers Meetings with Careers Adviser Timetable Suspension Week Career related workshops
Year	Post-16 provider assembly	Mock Interviews	No encounters

11	Meetings with Careers Adviser	DM Careers Fair Parents Information Evening Apprenticeships – support with applications Meetings with Careers Adviser	Confirmation of post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils
Year 12	Business Breakfasts Post-18 assembly – with higher and degree apprenticeship providers Work Experience Industry Visits	Business Breakfasts DM Post-18 Careers Fair Bristol UK Uni & Apprenticeships Fair Meetings with careers adviser Work Experience Industry Visits	Business Breakfasts Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training Providers Work Experience Industry Visits
Year 13	Business Breakfasts Meetings with Careers Adviser Mock Interviews Post-18 assembly – with higher and degree apprenticeship providers	Business Breakfasts DM Post-18 Careers Fair Meetings with Careers Adviser	No encounters Confirmation of Post-18 education and training destinations for all pupils

Please speak to our Careers Lead to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

These events will run in line with any measures related to public health incidents, including COVID-19.

4.3 Granting and refusing access

Please contact our Careers Lead, Jo Rich: j.rich@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk, Tel: 07490 392146 to discuss convenient times.

4.4 Safeguarding

In accordance with the requirements of “Keeping Children Safe in Education” (September 2022) paras 302- 311, for visitors that come into School to engage in regulated activity relating to Careers Guidance (e.g. Employers undertaking mock interviews) all visitor protocols (such as ID checks and signing in procedures) are followed and checks are made to ensure the visitor has the appropriate DBS and vetting/barring clearance. If a visitor does not have the appropriate vetting and barring checks in place they are accompanied by a member of staff at all times and a risk assessment is undertaken.

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school’s procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors which can be found on the Dene Magna website.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

4.5 Premises and facilities

The school will make a suitable space available for discussions between the provider/employer and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available ICT and other specialist equipment to support provider/employer presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Lead or a member of the SLT team.

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5. Previous providers

Providers who have been invited to date include:

24x7 Gloucestershire	GE Aviation	Operating Theatre Practitioners
Aardman	GET	Oxford Brookes University
Aberystwth University	Gfirst	Plymouth University
AccXel Construction College	GITEP	Prospects Training Services
Apex Architecture	Gloucestershire Constabulary	Prostars/Forest Sports Education
Army Careers Centre, Gloucester	Gloucestershire College	Punchline
ASK Apprenticeships	BT	RAF Gloucester
Atkins Ltd	Griffiths Marshall	Royal Agricultural University
Avara Foods	Grows	University of Reading
B&M	Harrison Clark Rickerbys	Rolls Royce
Bath Spa University	Hartpury College & University	Rupert Resources
BBC	Hazelwoods	Severn Trent
Beard & Tandy Development	Hereford Arts College	Simplicity
University of Birmingham	Hydro Extrusions	Somerville College Oxford
Boom Satsuma	ilateral	Sopra Steria
Borg Warner	Imperial Hearing	South Gloucestershire and Stroud College
University of Bristol	Institution of Chemical Engineers	Specsavers
BT	IQVIA	SPP Pumps Ltd
Cardiff Metropolitan University	Jaguar Land Rover	Staffordshire University
Cardiff University	Keele University	Suntory
Circle Square	KPMG	The Talent Foundry
Coventry Building Society	KW Bell	Ultra Electronics
Coventry University	Leeways	University of South Wales
CREO Medical	Loughborough University	University of Gloucestershire
Crowe LLP	MACE	University of Leicester
DWP	Malvern Special Families	University of Nottingham
Early Birds Nursery	Medic Mentor	University of Warwick
EDF	Medical Mavericks	University of the West of England
Eunomia	Mira Showers	Versarien
University of Exeter	NatWest	University of Worcester
Gloucestershire County Council	NCC Group	Wye Valley NHS Trust
GCHQ	NHS (Gloucestershire Trust)	

6. Pupil destinations

Destinations of previous pupils from Dene Magna School include (but not limited to):

- AccXel Construction College
- Cheltenham Town Hall FC Trust Scholarship
- Cirencester College
- Dene Magna Sixth Form

- Gloucestershire College
- Gloucestershire Engineering Training
- Hartpury College
- Hereford, Ludlow & North Shropshire College
- Hereford College of Arts
- Hereford Sixth Form
- John Kyrle Sixth Form
- MPCT Gloucester

7. Complaints

Any complaints related to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-GC91gk1Al09-fndntejnw0sz799gx6e/view> or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

8. Links to other policies

Safeguarding/child protection policy
Careers guidance policy

These can be found on the Dene Magna website.

Curriculum Intent:
<https://www.denemagna.co.uk/page/?title=RSHE&pid=321>

9. Monitoring arrangements

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students are monitored by Jo Rich, Careers Lead.

This policy will be reviewed by Dene Magna Local Governing Body.