



Penryn College

Provider Access Policy

Statement

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Statement of Intent

Penryn College understands our duty to provide pupils in years 8-11 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

Pupil Entitlement

In line with the DfE's 'Careers guidance and access for education and training providers', we will ensure that all pupils, regardless of background or needs, can access provider encounters and that encounters are made accessible to pupils with SEND.

Pupils in Years 8 to 11 are entitled to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities as part of a careers programme which informs pupils of the full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities on offer, for example, technical education and apprenticeships – this will be achieved through assemblies, Year 10 and Year 11 information evenings, careers fairs, Life Skills lessons and taster events.
- Understand how to apply to the full range of academic and technical courses available to them.
- All pupils in Years 8 to 11 will receive at least six encounters with accredited providers of technical education and apprenticeships. As a minimum, we will provide:
 - Two encounters that are mandatory for all pupils to attend that take place any time during year 8 or between 1 September and 28 February during year 9.
 - Two encounters that are mandatory for all pupils to attend that take place any time during year 10 or between 1 September and 28 February during year 11.

Opportunities provided to allow access to pupils

Via our school careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the school year to speak to pupils and/or their parents. These sessions will be scheduled during the school's standard opening hours.

The school offers the six provider encounters that are legally required, and a number of additional events.

Our annual schedule of events is as follows:



	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Year 8 School Careers Fair- BAE Systems- RAF & Royal Navy.- Jobs and the Jobs Sector (delivered by Falmouth University)		Visits to Falmouth Marine School and Duchy Rosewarne (selected students)
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- School Careers Fair BAE Systems- RAF & Royal Navy.- University Myth Busting (delivered by Falmouth University)- Visits to Falmouth Marine School and Duchy Rosewarne (selected students)	Tour of Falmouth University	
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- School Careers Fair- Year 10 Information Evening- Routes to University (delivered by Falmouth University)- Oxford University		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Visit to Truro College and Cornwall College- Falmouth Games Expo and Fashion Show at Falmouth University. (Selected students)
Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- School Careers Fair- Year 11 Information Evening- Visit from Truro College, Cornwall College, Falmouth Sixth Form, CISA, Helston Sixth Form.- Making Choices (delivered by Falmouth University)		

During these sessions, at a minimum, providers will be given enough time to:

- Share information about the provider and the approved technical qualifications and apprenticeships they offer.
- Explain what career routes these qualifications and apprenticeships could lead to.
- Provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider.
- Answer pupils' questions.

Providers previously invited to the school

In previous terms and academic years, the school has invited the following providers to speak to pupils:

- Truro College, Cornwall College, CISA, Helston Sixth Form, Falmouth College.
- Falmouth University

Last year, our Year 11 pupils moved on to a range of providers in the local area after finishing school.

Events and options

Providers can speak to our careers leader, Kim Snowdon to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school to speak to our pupils.

Rules for granting and refusing access requests

We will grant access requests that meet the following criteria:

- Non-fee-paying organisations.
- Do not negatively affect students learning.
- That fits into the whole school ethos.

We will refuse any access request that:

- Do not give sufficient notice.
- Affects students learning in a negative way.
- Raise safeguarding concerns.

Once we have approved a provider, we will work with them to identify the best method for providing access to our pupils.

We will make the school hall, classrooms and private meeting rooms available to host discussions between providers and pupils. We will also make presentation equipment, available to providers. Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our careers leader and a nominated member of the provider's team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with the school librarian at the school library.

Complaints

If you have a complaint relating to the school's provider access arrangements, you can raise it in line with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy or you can contact The Careers and Enterprise Company directly on provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk.