

Provider Access Statement

Introduction

Sense College Loughborough welcomes a range of providers for the purpose of sharing information regarding further education or training in order for our students to explore options for their next steps. This complies with the college's responsibility under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

All our students are entitled to:

- hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including further education, supported internships, apprenticeships (where appropriate) and options for their next steps – through events, group talks/workshops, visits and external placements
- 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 the point of transition.
- support to enable them to manage their transition from their further education, including understanding how to make applications for academic and technical courses.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

- We welcome a variety of businesses and organisations into college to help us increase students' awareness of different job roles and opportunities. We find visits out to different places really helpful in widening aspirations and helping to make informed choices.
- A provider wishing to request access should contact one of our Transitions Coordinators



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Opportunities for access

- College students receive a variety of careers guidance activities, including the offer of Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance and employability skills within our enterprise environment.
- Providers could speak with small groups, deliver a workshop, presentation, informal café style chat, support with mock interviews, or host a visit within their own organisation. Please speak to one of our Transitions Coordinators to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.
- The college will make a suitable space available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate for the activity. The college will also make available ICT and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit.
- Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with our Transitions Coordinators so that they can be displayed in college and where appropriate, handed out at review meetings.
- Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our students.



The college reserves the right to decline requests for a number of reasons, including (but not restricted to) the following:

- if such attendance would provide an imbalanced view of available provision (e.g. several apprenticeship providers at an event and no colleges);
- if the provider's input would not be relevant to a particular event if the request is not timely (e.g. students have already heard from similar providers during the year, or if they are involved in end of year exams);
- if the information is not seen to be in the best interest of pupils or there are concerns about the ethics or quality of the provision.
- Not meeting the colleges safeguarding requirements.

In such cases, the Transitions Coordinator would inform the provider of this decision and the reason why. If the provider wishes to appeal this decision, they can contact the Assistant Principal – Admissions, Engagement and Transitions. If the provider wishes to appeal the decision received from the Assistant Principal – Admissions, Engagement and Transitions they should contact the college Principal.

Safeguarding

We have a risk assessment for visitors coming to college. This details a variety of actions that are in place when we have visitors to ensure that college is kept safe. If visitors are specifically coming to talk to or work with our students in sessions or meetings, staff are also required to complete an external visitor form. This is to ensure that background checks of the individual or company have been completed to ensure that they fit with the College Values (fundamental British values) Visitors will also be given a Safety information for Sense College Loughborough leaflet on arrival. Our safeguarding information is under the policies section of our website.



Previous providers

In previous years the following providers have either hosted students for work place visits/social care options, or come into college to speak to our students:

- Briar's Barn
- FTM Dance
- Meadow Barn
- DWP
- Leicestershire Care's volunteer employer speakers
- Snax
- Spoilt for Choice
- Peter Le Marchant Trust

Destinations of previous students

Our students go onto a variety of different destinations depending on their goals and aspirations.

This includes moving to social care funded provision, voluntary work, paid employment or a mainstream college.

Complaints

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the college complaints procedure.

Approval and review

- This policy will be monitored and reviewed on an annual basis, to ensure that current legislation and best practice is recorded.
- Issue date: March 2023
- Owner: Assistant Principal – Admissions, Engagement and Transitions
- Distribution: Transitions staff and college senior management team (SMT)
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