



## **Provider Access Policy Statement (PAL)**

**Access for colleges, training providers, university technical colleges, universities and all other post 16 providers, including technical, vocational and academic routes and apprenticeships**

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**Outwood Academy Easingwold**

This policy statement sets out the arrangements for managing the access of providers to students for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer.

### **Pupil Entitlement:**

All students 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 KS4 Guided Pathway events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

In line with the updated Provider Access Legislation, from January 2023, all schools must provide a minimum of six encounters for all students with post 16 providers, as above. This is broken down into key phases: -

<b>1<sup>st</sup> key phase</b>	Year 8 or 9	Two encounters for students that are mandatory for all to attend
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> key phase</b>	Year 10 or 11	Two encounters for students that are mandatory for all to attend
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> key phase</b>	Year 12 or 13	Two encounters that are mandatory for the school to put on but optional for students 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 students from the provider)
- answer questions from all students, including our most vulnerable and those with additional learning needs

Outwood Academy Easingwold defines an encounter as at least 30 minutes, during the academy day.

The academy days run from 8.45am until 2.50pm.

This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

As part of our careers programme, we will consider requests from approved training, apprenticeship, technical and vocational education providers, including University Technical Colleges where appropriate, to speak to our students. Outwood Academy Easingwold will also approach these providers directly when planning and organising key career related events throughout the school year such as school assemblies, webinars within the curriculum, including live events, careers engagement events and parents evenings. Meaningful encounters may be planned using the [Making it meaningful checklist](#).

The quality and impact of careers provision at Outwood Academy Easingwold is monitored by our Senior Leadership Team, Trust Wide Curriculum Lead for Careers and the Executive Team. Access and opportunity to engage with technical, vocational and training providers will form part of this process.

Outwood Academy Easingwold has a range of facilities available for providers to use in support of our careers programme. This includes the main hall, the Post 16 hall, which can be divided into up to 4 separate spaces, classrooms, and a sports hall.

### **Destinations of our students**

Last year our **year 11 students** moved to a range of providers in the local area:

#### **Destinations (Top 2)**

Most popular destination was FE College (45 students) (45.9%) of students.

Second most popular destination was School Sixth Form with (39 students) (39.7%) of students choosing this pathway.

Projected NEET figure\* stood at one student 1%. The same as last year.

\*NEET figures quoted may differ from those published by the DfE as this is a snapshot of data taken from the best possible data sources in Sept/Oct 2022. The Local Authority work with the DfE to gather data to understand sustained destinations after the initial two terms.

### **Qualification Levels**

Total number of Y11 students - 98

- 80.6% (79 students) progressed onto L3 courses
- 12.2% (12 students) progressed onto L2 courses
- 6.1% (6 students) progressed onto L1 courses

- 1.% (1 student) was NEET/Unknown

### Providers

OA Easingwold Sixth Form decreased in popularity from last year with 39.7% (39 students) attending. This excludes new starters from other Secondary Schools. York College was had the largest intake with 40.8% (40 Students) attending for a mix of vocational and A Level study.

Overall students progressed into 11 different providers/employers.

### Sectors

The latest Labour Market Information for York, North Yorkshire and East Riding (August 2022) confirms that the top growth industries / sectors across the area are Management and Directors, Customer Service, Health and Social Care, Professional Services and I.T and Cyber Security. Covid-19 will have inevitably had an impact on these sectors however the sectors of interest show that students moved into areas of study which reflect an understanding of local LMI, specifically around Engineering (Advanced Manufacturing) but there is still a strong interest in Animal Care / Land Based studies which also includes elements of engineering.

Last year our **year 13 students** moved to a range of providers in the local area:

From Y13 87.5% student went on to University of which 57.1% were top 1/3rd universities. 3% of students went onto apprenticeships with the rest going into full time employment.

### Management of provider access requests

All requests made by providers should be emailed at least 6 weeks in advance of the expected date of the session.

In the first instance, requests by providers should be sent to: -

#### Name of Careers Leaders and email addresses:

Laura Robson - [l.robson@easingwold.outwood.com](mailto:l.robson@easingwold.outwood.com)

Nathan King - [n.king@easingwold.outwood.com](mailto:n.king@easingwold.outwood.com)

Careers Leaders Tel No: - 01347 821451

**Please complete this table in the Google Form which can be accessed at the following link:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CfKWaH\\_X13y-ley7nqIDFcxhHQpPgm3okMslkdDOsY/edit#:~:text=https%3A//forms.gle/pDC1LkUTrRswYVGP9](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CfKWaH_X13y-ley7nqIDFcxhHQpPgm3okMslkdDOsY/edit#:~:text=https%3A//forms.gle/pDC1LkUTrRswYVGP9)

<b>Name of provider requesting access &amp; details of provision</b>	<i>e.g., Lakeside College, Further Education College and Apprenticeship provider for 16–18-year-old students</i>
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<b>Contact Name at Provider and Contact Details</b>	Name & Job Title: Email address: Telephone number:
<b>Proposed date, time and length of session</b>	
<b>Number of staff who propose to visit</b>	All visitors will be subject to our safeguarding policy. A DBS check will not be required.
<b>Aims and objectives of session including year group</b>	<i>e.g., Year 10 Assembly Post 16 Options including entry requirements, courses available, labour market information &amp; sectors relating to courses, positive destinations on completion of courses</i>
<b>Please demonstrate which Gatsby Benchmarks relate to the session and how</b> <i>(link to information re Gatsby Benchmarks <a href="#">Good Career Guidance   Education   Gatsby</a>)</i>	<i>e.g., <b>BM1</b> After reading Careers Programme, support to further enhance this <b>BM4</b> linking GCSE subjects to career related learning and future progression routes <b>BM7</b> Provide a meaningful encounter of further education</i>
<b>Proposed format, timings and duration of session including facilities and equipment required</b>	<i>e.g., One hour assembly, theatre or main hall to accommodate year group. PowerPoint presentation including videos. Questions and answers session for students. Literature to take away following assembly.</i>
<b>Support required from Outwood Academy Easingwold, including staffing</b>	To enable the academy to provide appropriate supervision

### Granting Requests and Refusal of Requests

Once your request has been submitted, the Academy Careers Leader will respond to you within 10 working days. All requests will be given due consideration from the designated Careers Leader and Senior Leadership Team.

Once the request has been granted, we will ask you for a range of information to share with our students and parents before the session. This may be a prospectus, letter, presentation to share with students and parents in advance of your session.

This should include: -

- Details of the opportunities you offer including technical education, courses and entry requirements
- What is learning like with your institution?
- How do you prepare students for their best next step on successful completion of your course/training?

- Provide examples of linking courses with careers relating to the labour market and recent positive destinations of students who have completed their learning with you

Requests will be considered against: -

- Clashes with other planned activities or visits.
- Interruption to preparation for public or internal examinations.
- Availability of school staff, space and resources to host the session.
- All requests will also be considered in line with the academy safeguarding policy. For questions on this policy statement or the wider careers programme at Outwood Academy Easingwold, please do not hesitate to contact us.
- Outwood Academy Easingwold will keep a log of all provider requests for access and the outcomes and record on Compass Plus to support the delivery and evaluation of the careers programme.

### Opportunities for access

Outwood Academy Easingwold 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 to speak to students or their parents or carers.

This policy statement will be evaluated with the Careers Leader and Trust Wide Curriculum Leader for Careers as part of the Compass Evaluation, 3 times each academic year.

If a provider has reason to make a complaint in relation to this statement please email Emma Taylor, Head of School, e.taylor@easingwold.outwood.com who will arrange for the complaint to be investigated further.

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