
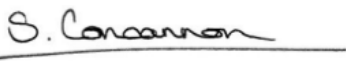




Hamilton School

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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.

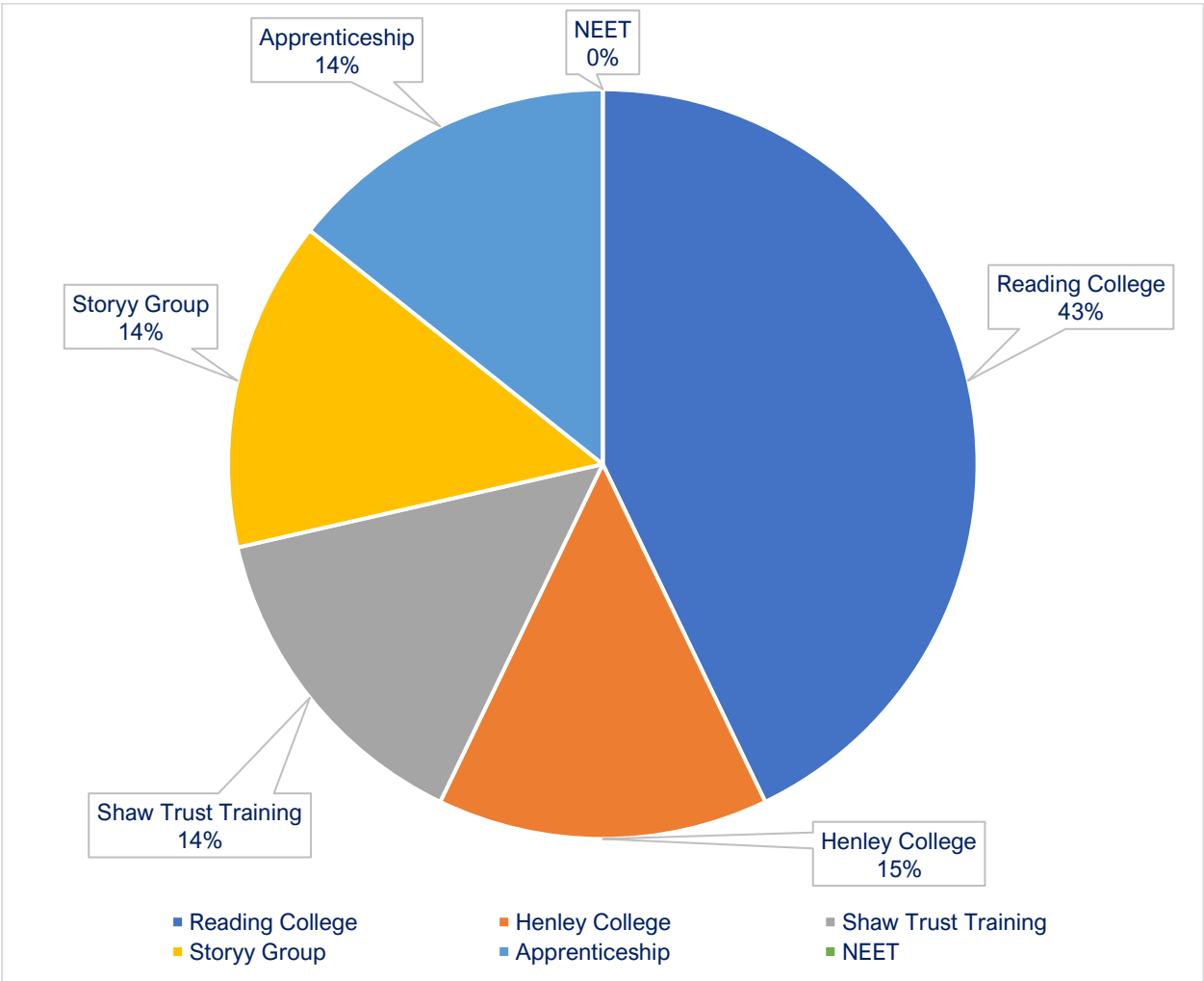
Previous providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- New Meaning
- Activate Learning – Reading / Bracknell & Wokingham College's
- Berkshire College of Agriculture (BCA)
- Chiltern Training
- Autoskills Motor Mechanics
- Reading FC – Community Sports
- RAW Mentoring
- Andy Hayes Construction Services
- Army – Information and Recruitment

Destinations of our pupils

Year 11



Reading College	3
Apprenticeship	1
Henley College	1
Shaw Trust Training	1
Storyy Group	1
NEET	0
Total	7

One student is intending to undertake an apprenticeship (still finalising confirmation), but this is a complex case and support from the careers lead from HAM will continue late into the summer to ensure this child is not NEET.

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact Scott Versace, Careers Lead, s.versace@maidenerlegtrust.org.

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.

	Autum Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Weekly Unifrog Careers lessons as a part of the PD programme	Access to Unifrog Locker/activities Information on accessing apprenticeships via #NAW ME	Access to Unifrog Locker/activities Employer encounters
Year 9	Weekly Unifrog Careers lessons as a part of the PD programme	Access to Unifrog Locker/activities Meetings with local FE/Training providers (Activate Learning; BCA) Information on accessing apprenticeships via #NAW MET resources Employer encounters (Academics)	No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 9 Access to Unifrog Locker/activities

<p style="text-align: center;">Year 10</p>	<p>Weekly Unifrog Careers lessons as a part of the PD programme</p> <p>Access to 1 to 1 Careers interview</p> <p>Meetings with local FE/Training providers (Activate Learning; BCA)</p> <p>Offer of extended WEX.</p> <p>Employer encounters</p>	<p>Access to Unifrog Locker/activities</p> <p>Offer of extended WEX.</p> <p>Employer encounters (Mechanics, Trades, Academics)</p> <p>Information on accessing apprenticeships via #NAW MET resources</p>	<p>Access to Unifrog Locker/activities</p> <p>Life Skills – work experience preparation sessions</p> <p>Offer of extended/shadowing WEX.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Year 11 & 12</p>	<p>Weekly Unifrog Careers lessons as a part of the PD programme</p>	<p>Access to Unifrog Locker/activities</p> <p>Post 16 applications and support</p>	<p>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 11</p>

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