

The new Provider Access Legislation, set out in the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022, is designed to develop and strengthen the existing legislation (the Baker Clause) by ensuring strong partnerships between schools and various training providers. This aims to ensure that all students in years 8–13 have meaningful encounters with providers of technical education and apprenticeships, enabling them to be better informed about their options. The new legislation took effect in January 2023.

## School Guidance

The guidance specifies schools must provide at least six encounters for all their students:

**Two encounters** for pupils during the ‘first key phase’ (Year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend.

**Two encounters** for pupils during the ‘second key phase’ (Year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend.

**Two encounters** for pupils during the ‘third key phase’ (Year 12 or 13) that are mandatory for the school to put on, but optional for pupils to attend.

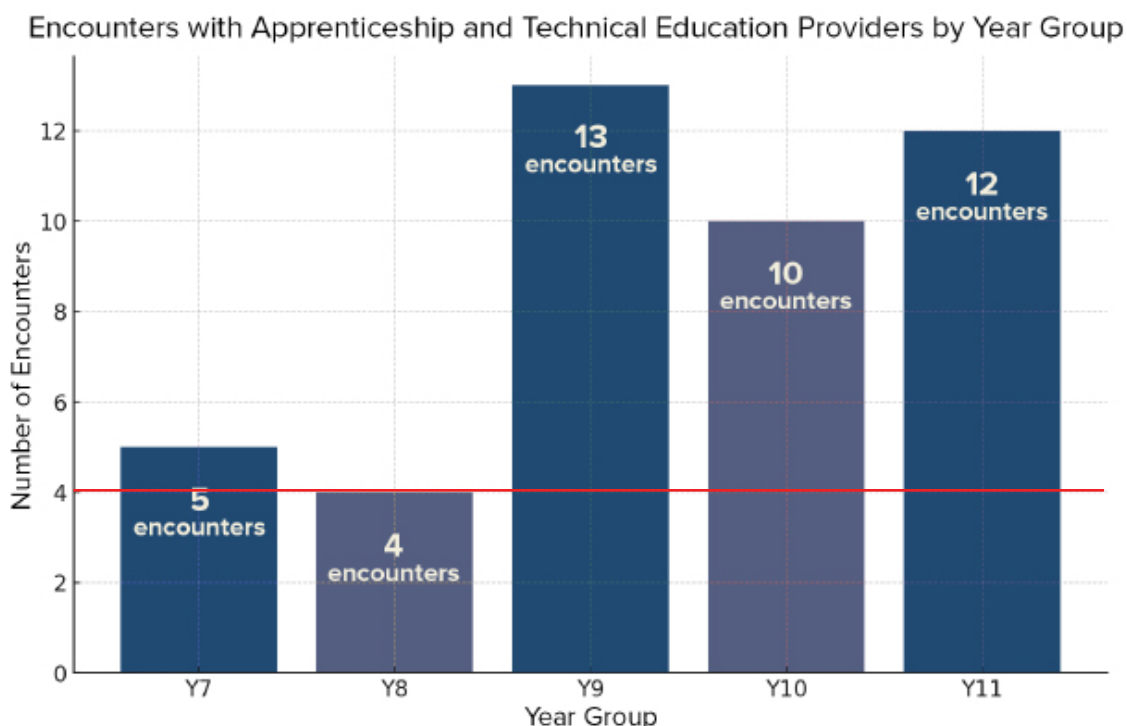
Schools must allow providers to have a reasonable amount of time during the standard school day to meet with pupils and to provide all pupils with ‘career-focused’ experiences.

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Fareham Academy does not have a sixth form with Years 12 and 13; therefore, it is required to provide a total of **four encounters** across Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

## Meaningful Encounters Summary

Below is a summary of the number of meaningful encounters each year group has had with apprenticeship and technical education providers.



Fareham Academy defines a meaningful encounter as one lasting over 45 minutes with active participation from students. This does not include the Year 10 and Year 11 college assemblies, as these encounters are 20-minute presentations.

Meaningful encounters include hour-long workshops featuring activities and visits to apprenticeship providers. For example, the annual CTEC i-Construct competition is hosted by various groundwork and civil engineering employers, and a range of marine industry apprenticeship providers participate during the Southampton Boat Show.

**Year 9** had the highest number of meaningful encounters. This is a purposeful career-related learning design to support Year 9 students in making informed choices and decisions regarding their options.

**Year 11** had the highest number of overall encounters if 20-minute assemblies are also included.

## External Providers

There were three Post-16 college providers who delivered 20-minute assemblies to Year 10 and Year 11, discussing their apprenticeship and technical education programmes:



Whilst other colleges attended assembly slots, they did not specifically discuss apprenticeship and technical education routes. A private training provider, PETA, also presented a 20-minute assembly to Year 11 during National Apprenticeship Week.

Additional events included a whole-school tutor time week during National Apprenticeship Week, where students explored the concept of apprenticeships relevant to their stage of education.

Fareham Academy partners with three local universities and the SUN network to provide information about degree-level courses, including degree-level apprenticeship routes. The three partner universities are:



In 2022/2023, they delivered a combined total of 20 meaningful encounters, both onsite and offsite, providing opportunities for students in every year group.

To conclude, Fareham Academy has met the provider access requirements with a total of **44 meaningful encounters**, which is 40 more than the legislation requires.

## More Information

For further information about the provider access legislations, please visit:

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