

Provider Access Statement

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers for the students at the academy, 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.

Student entitlement

All students in years 8 to 11 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship 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 students of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory.

Management of provider access requests

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours. 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 students.

Prior to an encounter we encourage providers to share information about both their provision and the courses they offer so that this can be shared with parents and carers.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between students and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all students using the [Make it Meaningful checklist](#)

https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk/sites/default/files/2021-03/1207_-_meaningful_encounters_checklist_1.pdf

Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our students.