



Provider Access Policy

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Introduction

This policy statement outlines Crewe UTC's arrangements for the management of access of providers to pupils.

This statement contains information about the providers education training offer. This complies with the Crewe UTC's legal obligations under section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and The Skills and Post -16 Act 2022. Crewe UTC Provider Access Policy complies with the changes to this legislation as from 1st January 2023.

Enabling encounters with further education (FE) and higher education (HE)

Crewe UTC will enable encounters with 'further and higher education' as outlined in the DfE's ['Careers guidance and access for education and training providers'](#).

Crewe UTC is committed to provide impartial careers information, advice and guidance for all its pupils. It is important for pupils to be able to make informed choices based on the full range of learning and training routes available to them and at a relevant stage of transition.

The updated Provider Access Legislation (PAL) specifies schools must provide at least four (years 8-11) 'provider encounters' and at least six (years 8-13) 'provider encounters' that take place during the school day. We understand that this statutory legislation will help our pupils to understand and take-up, not just apprenticeships, but wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications as well.

Whilst we will continue to be proactive and approach providers ourselves, we are happy to consider provider 'access' requests from vocational training organisations, apprenticeship providers, UTCs, Colleges of Further Education and Higher Education establishments.

Pupil Entitlement – 'Creating the conditions for success'

All pupils in Year 10 to 11 are entitled as follows:

Two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend, which will take place any time during year 10 or between 1 September and 28 February during year 11.

*Note- New legislation states you cannot count two encounters with the same provider in the same phase, this would only count as one.

Pupils 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, T Levels and apprenticeships, through options events, careers events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Premises and Facilities

Crewe UTC can make the main hall, classrooms or meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and the pupils, as appropriate to the activity.

Crewe UTC will also make available any AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations where possible. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Lead/Administrative Team.

Management of provider access request procedure

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Lead, who will distribute and make available in relevant areas, such as: main reception; student reception and the Careers Section in the Crewe UTC's Learning Resource Centre which is overseen by the Careers Lead. The Learning Resource Centre is open to all pupils before and after school, and lunch times.

If you are a provider and would like to enquire about availability of assembly times, or to make other access arrangements such as virtual inputs then please email our Careers Leader Rebecca Whim – r.whim@creweutc.org.uk with an outline of your request.

A response to any request will come via the Careers Lead. Following approval, we will provide clear instructions before the event on visitor parking, visitor registration, a contact member of staff and their contact details, the teaching room or venue to be used for the session and the presentation facilities the space offers.

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Careers Leader –

Ms Rebeca Whim

Email: r.whim@creweutc.org.uk or telephone **01270 218150**.

A number of events integrated into the Crewe UTC's Careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to visit school and speak to pupils / parents and carers.

Please contact Ms Whim to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.