



Little Ilford School: Provider Access Policy

Reviewed by Governors:

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Introduction

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

High quality careers education and guidance in school is critical to young people's futures. It helps to prepare them for the workplace by providing a clear understanding of the world of work including the routes to jobs and careers that they might find engaging and rewarding. It supports them to acquire the self-development and career management skills they need to achieve positive employment destinations. This helps students to choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy. As the number of apprenticeships rise each year, it becomes increasingly important that all young people have a full understanding of all the options available to them post-16 and post-18.

Commitment

Little Ilford School is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students, for the purpose of informing them about the wide range of approved qualifications available to them post-16 and post-18. Little Ilford School is fully aware of the responsibility to set students on the path that will secure the best outcome for each student, which will enable them to progress in education, work and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

Little Ilford School endeavours to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and are able to access information on technical options and apprenticeships (The Department of Education, July 2021: "Baker Clause": supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options, and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023).

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8-11 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.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Marketing, Communications and Events Officer, Telephone: 0208 928 3516

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers:

Year 7 & 8	· Planning for options choices through structured careers activities during tutor time and special assemblies. · Dragons Den enterprise challenge - All students take part in a competition working in small groups to create a school business plan. This develops employability skills.
Year 9	· Structured assembly programme - Guest speakers from various work industries, local colleges, sixth forms and apprenticeship providers deliver assemblies to the year group.
Year 10	· World of Work (WOW) Day – The entire year group are treated to a day within the corporate world in preparation for their work experience placement. · Work Experience – All students complete a one-week work placement and have the opportunity to select their own placement. · Mock interviews - All students get the opportunity to be interviewed by a volunteer. This develops their confidence and communication skills whilst preparing them for applying to college.

Year 11	· Impartial Careers Interview – Every student receives a careers interview with an external careers advisor. · College Information Evening – This event is held at school and local colleges, sixth forms and apprenticeship providers attend to speak to students and parents. · Structured assembly programme – Guest speakers from local colleges, sixth forms and apprenticeship providers deliver assemblies to the year group.
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Careers events do vary each year based on opportunities available to the school. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the auditorium, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, 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.