



# **Maharishi School**

## **Provider Access Statement**

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## Introduction

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, we have a duty to provide pupils in years 8-11 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 (and post-18) education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

## What are pupils entitled to?

Pupils must be allowed to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs pupils of the full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities on offer, for example, technical education and apprenticeships – this can be achieved through options evenings, assemblies, group discussions, and taster events.
- Understand how to apply to the full range of academic and technical courses available to them.

## Who handles our access requests?

Any provider wishing to request access should contact our careers leader, Ms M Ingram, via email at [mingram@maharishischool.com](mailto:mingram@maharishischool.com) or by telephone on 01695 729912.

## What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?

Via our school careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the school year to speak to pupils and/or their parents. Our annual schedule of events is as follows (these events all offer opportunities for providers to have access to pupils):

	<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Summer Term</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	<i>All year access to careers materials</i>	<i>National Careers week - displays, presentations and curriculum focus</i>	<i>Life Skills - assembly and form group opportunities End of year careers event</i>
<b>Year 8</b>	<i>Life Skills - PSHE</i>	<i>Careers Fair at West</i>	<i>Life Skills -</i>

	<i>All year access to careers materials</i>	<i>Lancs College</i> <i>National Careers week - displays, presentations and curriculum focus</i>	<i>assembly and form group opportunities</i> <i>End of year careers event</i>
<b>Year 9</b>	<i>Life Skills - PSHE</i> <i>All year access to careers materials</i>	<i>Careers Fair at West Lancs College</i> <i>National Careers week - displays, presentations and curriculum focus</i> <i>Local business visits - Inspira</i>	<i>Life Skills - assembly and form group opportunities</i> <i>End of year careers event</i>
<b>Year 10</b>	<i>Life Skills - work experience introduction and preparation sessions</i> <i>All year access to careers materials</i>	<i>Careers Fair at West Lancs College</i> <i>National Careers week - displays, presentations and curriculum focus</i> <i>Opportunity for workplace experience.</i>	<i>trial days at local colleges</i> <i>Life Skills - assembly and form group opportunities</i> <i>End of year careers event</i>
<b>Year 11</b>	<i>Open evenings at local colleges</i> <i>Presentations by local colleges, training providers and other post 16 providers</i> <i>1:1 interview with Careers adviser</i> <i>Life Skills - assembly on opportunities at 16</i> <i>All year access to careers materials</i>	<i>College interviews</i> <i>National Careers week - displays, presentations and curriculum focus</i> <i>Post 16 interviews - support</i>	

## **Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?**

Providers can speak to our careers leader, Mrs Ingram, to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

Our [Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy](#) sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school to speak to our pupils.

## **What can providers expect once a request has been accepted?**

Once we have approved a provider, we will work with them to identify the best method for providing access to our pupils.

We will make a room or rooms available to host discussions between providers and pupils. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors, whiteboards and screens available to providers.

Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our careers leader and a nominated member of the provider's team.

## **Can providers leave prospectuses for pupils to read?**

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with our staff for pupils to access.

## **Providers that have previously been invited into the school:**

A list is available on request.

**Online encounters** pupils have previously had (these are accepted if it is more effective for both providers and pupils for these to be online):

West Lancs Borough Council

Navy

Several via "Live" careers website.

## **Destinations our former pupils have attended or progressed to post-16**

Colleges:

Winstanley College

West Lancs College

Wigan and Leigh College

St John Rigby College

St Helen's College

Southport College

KGV College

Liverpool City College

Runshaw

LYP A

RARE

Other:

Apprenticeships

Army

Link to: [Complaints procedure](#)

