

This policy statement outlines how Whytrig Middle School manages requests from external education and training providers to access pupils in order to share information about their learning and career pathways. It fulfils the school's statutory responsibilities under <u>Section 42B of the Education Act 1997</u>.

Pupil entitlement

At Whytrig Middle School, we believe that pupils in Years 5–8, particularly at key transition stages, have the right to:

- Access information about technical qualifications and apprenticeships within a structured careers
 programme that highlights all available education and training pathways at key transition points.
- Learn about variety of local education and training providers and the opportunities they offer, including technical education routes and apprenticeships
- Access this information through a range of formats, including assemblies, workshops and small-group discussions

Managing requests for provider access

Providers wishing to request access to pupils should direct their request to:

Mrs Helen Campbell
Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum) - Careers Lead
Telephone: 0191 237 1402
Email: wms@svf.org.uk

Opportunities for provider engagement

The school's careers programme includes a number of planned activities that allow external providers to engage with pupils and, where appropriate, parents. These opportunities include:

- Tailored assemblies for Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 pupils, available on request throughout the 2025–26 academic year, including during National Careers Week in March
- Workshop sessions or activities, subject to availability and timetable constraints (please refer to the careers education roadmap for a summary of activities by year group on our website)
- Curriculum-based talks delivered within subject lessons. We actively encourage involvement across
 all subject areas, with particular emphasis on STEM subjects (Science, Technology,
 Engineering, and Maths) and PSHE

All visits and activities are conducted in line with the school's Child Protection Policy.

Facilities and resources

Depending on the nature of the activity, the school will provide suitable spaces such as the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms for discussions between providers and pupils. Audio-visual equipment and any necessary specialist resources can also be made available to support presentations. All logistical arrangements will be agreed in advance with the Careers Leader or a designated member of staff.



Providers are welcome to supply prospectuses or relevant course and organisational information for display in school and for pupils to access when necessary. Any online links will be shared with pupils via Google Classroom.

For a full overview of the careers programme for all year groups please see our school website https://svf.org.uk/whytrig-middle-school/careers