

# Provider Access Policy 2025-26

The Birkenhead Park School

#### Introduction

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

#### **Pupil entitlement**

All pupils in years 7 to 11 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships 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 pupils, they will receive meaningful and varied encounters and experiences. The School is also committed to providing a weeks' worth of work experience activities both in person and virtually.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours and 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 pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

### Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the <u>Making it meaningful checklist</u>. Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

### **Previous providers**

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

All About Stem / ASK - Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths

Army

BSFC - Birkenhead Sixth Form College

City of Liverpool College

Clatterbridge Cancer Centre

**David Campbell Soccer** 

**Edge Hill University** 

Learning Foundry - Training and Employment programmes.

LIPA - Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts

Liverpool Hope University

Liverpool Media Academy

LJMU

Merseyside Police

Ministry of Justice

Mode - Training & Apprenticeships

MyMCT

**RAF** 

**Realise Training** 

TPM - Training Plus Merseyside

Tranmere Rovers College

UCFB - University Campus of Football Business

Wirral Met.

Wrexham University

**Rocket Training** 

LLS - multi-sports industry professionals

Morthyng - Alternative Provision independent training provider.

Steven Gerrard Academy

Zillo - is an informative website for young people living in Wirral.

**University of Chester** 

# **Destinations of our pupils**

Our year 11 pupils move to range of providers in the local area after school including:

- Birkenhead Sixth Form College
- Wirral Met College
- Steven Gerrard Academy
- The City of Liverpool College
- Cheshire College

# Management of provider access requests

#### **Procedure**

A provider wishing to request access should contact: Antonia Clarke Assistant Head Teacher cla@birkenheadparkschool.com

Alysha Hayward Student Engagement Coordinator aha@birkenheadparkschool.com

# **Opportunities for access**

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme.

We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers.

Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Onboarding to UNIFROG	Team Building Day	Careers SMSC
	Careers SMSC	What's Next Careers	Careers Assemblies
	Careers Assemblies	Fair	Balance life and Work-
	Shaping Future Introduction to Higher	Careers SMSC	UNIFROG Session
		Careers Assemblies	See the big picture
	Education	Manage Career-	Unifrog session.
	Grow throughout life- UNIFROG	UNIFROG Session	Careers Champions
	SESSION	Create Opportunities-	Club
	Explore Possibilities- UNIFROG	UNIFROG Session	
	SESSION	Careers Champions	
	Careers Champions Club	Club	
		Experience of the	
		work place activities	
		week	
		National Careers	
		Week	
		Green Careers Week	

Year 8	Careers SMSC Careers Assemblies Shaping Future Introduction to Higher Education Grow throughout life- UNIFROG SESSION Explore Possibilities- UNIFROG SESSION Careers Champions Club	What's Next Careers Fair Careers SMSC Careers Assemblies Manage Career- UNIFROG Session Create Opportunities- UNIFROG Session Careers Champions Club Experience of the work place activities week National Careers Week Green Careers Week	Apprenticeship Assemblies Careers SMSC Careers Assemblies Balance life and Work-UNIFROG Session See the big picture Unifrog session. Careers Champions Club
Year 9	Careers SMSC Careers Assemblies Shaping Future Introduction to Higher Education Hive Careers Fair Grow throughout life- UNIFROG SESSION Explore Possibilities- UNIFROG SESSION Careers Champions Club	What's Next Careers Fair Careers SMSC Careers Assemblies Y 9 Options drop in week Y9 Options Evening (Colleges and Career Connect present) Manage Career- UNIFROG Session Create Opportunities- UNIFROG Session Careers Champions Club Experience of the work place activities week National Careers Week Green Careers Week	Apprenticeship Assemblies Careers SMSC Careers Assemblies Balance life and Work- UNIFROG Session See the big picture Unifrog session. Careers Champions Club Virtual Work Experience Week
Year 10	Careers SMSC Careers Assemblies Post 16 Provider Assemblies Hive Careers Fair Grow throughout life- UNIFROG SESSION	What's Next Careers Fair Wirral Met Drop In Lunch Time sessions Careers SMSC Careers Assemblies	Apprenticeship Assemblies Careers SMSC Careers Assemblies Future Friday Sessions

**Explore Possibilities- UNIFROG Future Friday Sessions** 121 Career Guidance **SESSION** Post 16 destinations Interviews Careers Club Drop In annual trip day Enterprise Adviser Y10 Parents Evening Workshops (Colleges and Career Balance life and Work-Connect present) **UNIFROG Session** Manage Career-See the big picture Unifrog session. **UNIFROG Session** Create Opportunities-Careers Club Drop In **UNIFROG Session** Year 10 Destination Careers Club Drop In and Career Aspirations Experience of the Survey work place activities Virtual Work week **Experience Week National Careers** Week **Green Careers Week** Year Careers SMSC **What's Next Careers Future Friday Sessions** 11 **Careers Assemblies** Fair 121 Career Guidance Post 16 Provider Assemblies Wirral Met Drop In Interviews 121 Career Guidance Interviews **Lunch Time sessions** Confirmation of destination meetings **Future Friday Sessions** FE Open Days **CV** Preparation 121 Career Guidance **Mentoring Meetings Mock Interviews** Interviews Balance life and Work-**Mentoring Meetings Mentoring Meetings UNIFROG Session Hive Careers Fair Apprenticeship** See the big picture Grow throughout life- UNIFROG **Assemblies** Unifrog session. **SESSION** Y11 Parents Evening Careers Club Drop In **Explore Possibilities- UNIFROG** (Colleges and Career **SESSION** Connect present) Careers Club Drop In Manage Career-**UNIFROG Session** Create Opportunities-**UNIFROG Session** Careers Club Drop In

**Premises and facilities** 

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, 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.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are

able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the

Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available

to all pupils at lunch and break times.

**Complaints** 

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via

provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

Approval and review

Approved:

**Signed by Chair of Governors:** 

**Signed by Head of School:** 

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