



The
Birkenhead Park
School

Provider Access Policy

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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 8 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 of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11).

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 [Making it meaningful checklist](#). 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:

- Birkenhead Sixth Form College
- Wirral Met College
- ASK Apprenticeships
- Myerscough College
- Everton Football College
- Protective Services Academy
- SAE Institutue
- LIPA
- Royal Navy
- Little League Sports
- Hugh Baird College
- Jarvis Training
- Magenta Housing
- Assett Training
- Rocket Training
- Liverpool Media Academy
- Unilever
- Mode Training
- Army
- Airbus

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved 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

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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, Miss A Heyward to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Careers SMSC Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What Next? Careers Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enterprise day
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Careers SMSC Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What Next? Careers Fair - Y9 Options Evening (Colleges and CC present) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enterprise day - Post 16 Provider assemblies - Pathways questionnaire - University outreach activities
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shaping Futures pathways session - Post 16 Provider Assemblies - HIVE Careers Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Future Friday sessions - What Next? Careers Fair - Y10 Parents Evening (Colleges and CC present) - Shaping Futures LMI Sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Post 16 College Visits - Workplace visits - 1:1 meetings with Careers Advisor
Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Post 16 Provider Assemblies - 1:1 Meetings with Careers Advisor - Post 16 Applications - FE Open Evenings - Y11 Information Evening (Colleges and CC present) - Post 16 Visits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Future Friday sessions - ASK Apprenticeship assembly - What Next? Careers Fair - Y11 Parents Evening (Colleges and CC present) - PUSH Talks - Post 16 Applications - 1:1 meetings with careers advisor - Post 16 Visits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Future Fridays sessions - 1:1 meetings - Confirmation of post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils

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: 8th June 2023 by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee

Signed by Chair of Governors: 

Signed by Head of School: 

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