

# **Unity Academy Policy Statement on Provider Access: Compliance with Section 42B of the Education Act 1997**

## **Introduction**

This policy statement sets out Unity Academy's arrangements for managing access of providers of technical education and apprenticeships to students in Years N to 11. It outlines the school's approach to ensuring that students are informed about the full range of education and training options available to them, in line with the statutory requirements under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, also known as the 'provider access legislation.'

## **Student Entitlement**

All students at Unity Academy are entitled to:

- Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a career education program which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships within the local labour market.
- 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:

- **Mr B Mashiter**
- **Position:** Assistant Headteacher (Student Support)
- **Telephone:** 01253 355493

### **Access considerations:**

To be granted access as a provider, the following things will taken into consideration:

Curriculum time  
Availability of staff to support  
Availability of facilities required  
Appropriate content  
Other departmental requirements on the same day  
DBS status

### **Opportunities for Access**

A number of events, integrated into the school's careers program, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students. Providers are invited to request access for these events and activities as appropriate. Below is an outline of the types of events where access may be provided:

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Event/Activity</b>	<b>Timing</b>
Year N-6	FE experiences, STEM activities/providers/competitions, Employer experiences for pupils	Autumn/Spring/Summer Term
Year 7, 8 & 9	Careers Fair, Assemblies, Workshops	Spring/Summer Term
Year 10 & 11	Employer Encounters, Apprenticeship Talks, Careers Fair	Autumn and Spring Terms
	College visits, Technical Education Talks, Mock Interviews, parents evening talks	Autumn, Spring, and Summer Terms

## **Premises and Facilities**

The school will make suitable facilities available for discussions between providers and students, such as classrooms or the school hall, depending on the activity. The school will also make available relevant information to support the event (e.g., student attendance lists and available resources such as interactive whiteboards and sound systems).

Providers are encouraged to discuss their needs with the Careers Leader in advance to ensure that appropriate arrangements can be made.

## **Safeguarding**

Unity Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of students. Providers accessing the school will be expected to adhere to our safeguarding policy. Any visiting providers will be supervised by school staff throughout their visit and be provided with the relevant safeguarding information upon arrival.

## **Complaints**

Any complaints regarding the school's handling of provider access requests should be made through the school's formal complaints procedure, which is available on our website.

## **Monitoring and Review**

The Careers Leader will monitor the implementation of this policy and ensure compliance with the statutory requirements. The policy will be reviewed annually by the school's leadership team and governing body.

Review Date: May 2025

### **Measuring Impact**

This is achieved through a number of methods, including but not exclusive to feedback forms and feedback for parents and employers

NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) figures published on the school website as Destination Data

1:1 meetings with independent Advisor or SLT

Referral systems

Surveys

Personal development recorded through Compass+

**Last Reviewed:** September 2024

**Next Review Date:** May 2025

---

This policy ensures that Unity Academy meets its obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and supports students in making informed decisions about their education and career pathways. For further information or to make a request, providers should contact the Careers Leader at the details provided above