

Unity Academy

Provider Access Policy Statement

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as of January 2018, we have a duty to provide students 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 from these providers.

What are students entitled to?

Students must be allowed to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs students 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, e.g. 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 administrator, **Mr A Wood**, on **01253 355493** or via e-mail on: a.wood@unity.fcat.org.uk

What opportunities are provided to allow access to students?

Via our school careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the school year to speak to students and/or their parents. Our annual schedule of events is as follows:

	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
Year 5			
Year 6		Winter Gardens – Raising Aspirations Event	Careers Event – What I Want To Be
Year 7	Tutor group opportunities/ Assembly	Tutor group opportunities/ Assembly	Tutor group opportunities/ Assembly Careers Event – What I Want To Be
Year 8	Tutor group opportunities/ Assembly Year 8 Parents’ Evening	Tutor group opportunities/ Assembly Yr8 Progression KS4 options evening Yr8&9 Careers Event	Tutor group opportunities/assembly Event 8 Careers Event – Making Choice About My Future
Year 9	Tutor group opportunities/ Assembly	Tutor group opportunities/assembly Year 9 Parents’ evening Yr8&9 Careers Event	Tutor group opportunities/assembly INSPIRE Project - Lancaster University

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Year 10	Upper School Aspirations apprenticeships/HE/FE fair Assembly about opportunities at 16	Tutor group opportunities/ Assembly External notices to year group Year 10 Parents' Evening	Assembly and Tutor Group opportunities Weekly external notices to year group Visits to Blackpool & Fylde College and Blackpool 6 th Form College (Further education choices)
Year 11	Yr11 Steps to Success Further Education Choice Interviews Year 11 Parents' Evening	Year 11 Parents' Evening Final Countdown	NCS (optional Summer Camp Experience after completion of GCSEs)

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 students.

We will make the school hall, classrooms and private meeting rooms available to host discussions between providers and students. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors and televisions, 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 students to read?

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature for display in the Careers room.