



Provider Access Policy

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1. Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the school for the purpose of giving them education, information, advice and guidance about what the provider or training facilitator can offer to them. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 which states the proprietor must prepare a policy statement setting out the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to pupils, and to ensure that this is followed.

Park Community School is committed to working towards meeting the Quality in Careers Standard incorporating the Gatsby Benchmarks.

2. Student Entitlement

All students in KS3 and KS4 are entitled to:

- discover and study the career programme and curriculum as an essential part of our students' individual development for their future;
- 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;
- learn from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education, apprenticeships and higher education – through workshops, assemblies and group discussions and taster events;
- understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses;
- attend specific events and visit our local colleges, training providers and local/national universities;
- link curriculum learning to careers - through visits, workshops or any activity under the concept of learning outside of the classroom.

All students in KS4 are entitled to:

- develop general business awareness to help them prepare for the world of work;
- gain a better understanding of some careers by participating in our work experience programme and challenge days - specifically focused on careers for students in Year 10 or Year 11;
- have a 1:1 personalised career meeting with a qualified careers adviser;
- have, at least three times a year, an encounter with employers and employees;
- help to apply to a local educational provider when it is appropriate.

3. Management of Provider Access Requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Careers Leader at Park Community School (tel: 023 92 489800).

Opportunities for access

Please ask about the careers programme and curriculum for opportunities to come and talk to our students about what courses you can offer. This can be as a year group or in small groups.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the sport hall, theatre, lecture theatre, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available any IT facilities and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations and workshops. This will all be discussed, arrange and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Leader and who will allocate the relevant material as appropriate, e.g. Library, Careers Office, Tutor Bases.

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