

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) 56
- 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. [Making it Meaningful: Benchmark 7 | CEC Resource Directory \(careersandenterprise.co.uk\)](https://careersandenterprise.co.uk)

Previous providers

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

- Destinations of our pupils Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school: Please see the most recent destination report.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Nick Dunn, Head of Computing & Careers, ndunn@eastwood.southend.sch.uk

Telephone: 01702 524341

Opportunities for access

The school offers the 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 8	Careers Convention- Post 16/18/Employer Event – overview to courses, local, regional, and national opportunity and skills required	National Apprenticeship week – external provider	Technical/vocational Information from local Post 16 providers
Year 9	Careers Convention- Post 16/18/Employer Event – overview to courses, local, regional, and national opportunity and skills required.	National Apprenticeship week – external provider National Careers Week - All pathways discussed	KS4 options event – Apprenticeship provider attending to give presentations to pupils
Year 10	Careers Convention- pupil and parent. Post 16/18/Employer Event – overview to courses, local, regional, and national opportunity and skills required	National Apprenticeship week – external provider National Careers Week - All pathways discussed Meetings with careers adviser Post 16 applications	Meetings with careers adviser Post 16 applications
Year 11	Careers Convention- pupil and parent. Post 16/18/Employer Event – overview to courses, local, regional, and national	National Apprenticeship week – external provider National Careers Week - All pathways discussed	No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 11 Confirmation of post- 16 education and

	<p>opportunity and skills required</p> <p>Post 16 provider assemblies. 6th forms /FE College</p> <p>Post 16 provider open evenings.</p> <p>Meetings with careers adviser Post 16 applications</p>	<p>Post 16 provider open evenings.</p> <p>Meetings with careers adviser Post 16 applications</p>	<p>training destinations for all pupils</p>
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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