

Policy Statement on Provider Access

Shenley Brook End School: **Provider Access Policy**

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 13 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). For pupils in the 'third key phase' (year 12 to 13), particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

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:

- FCDO Services
- Standard Chartered Bank
- Aston Martin F1 Team
- Mercedes Benz

- Barclay Card
- Santander
- Niftylift
- Network Rail
- NHS
- SMC Pneumatics
- NEP Group
- Anglian Water
- MK College
- Moulton College
- ASK Apprenticeships

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- Shenley Brook End School Sixth Form
- The Hazeley Academy Sixth Form
- MK College
- Moulton College
- Arts 1
- Soccer Assist
- The Royal Latin
- A range of local apprenticeship opportunities.

Last year our year 13 pupils moved to a range of providers in the local area after school:

- A range of regional and national universities.
- Mercedes Benz and other local and regional apprenticeship providers.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact **Mrs Harris, Pathways and Employability Lead, email at aharris@sbe5d.com**

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 to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Whole Year Group speed networking event with professionals from local business focusing on apprenticeships.	Whole Year group assembly delivered by a local business who offer apprenticeship opportunities. Year 8 GCSE Preference Evening – parents and students learning about the range of education and training options including T Levels, apprenticeships A Levels and BTECS.	Whole Year group assembly delivered by the Apprenticeship team from a local business who offer apprenticeship opportunities.
Year 9	Whole Year group assembly delivered by a local business who offer apprenticeship opportunities.	Whole Year Group speed networking event with professionals from local business focusing on apprenticeship opportunities.	<i>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 9</i>
Year 10	Whole Year Group speed networking event with professionals from local business.	Whole Year group assembly delivered by a local business who offer apprenticeship opportunities.	Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers drop down day.
Year 11	Post-16 interviews Whole Year group assembly delivered by a local business who offer apprenticeship opportunities. Information pack sent to parents including details of all post-16 education and training options.	Post 16 provider open evenings publicised to all Year 11 parents. Post 16 apprenticeships assembly – MK College Post 16 applications	<i>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 11</i> Confirmation of post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils
Year 12	Post 18 apprenticeships assembly.	Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options and ASK Apprenticeships.	Higher Education fair for a variety of HE providers including local Further Education colleges

Year 13	Post 18 assembly – with higher and degree apprenticeship providers. Workshops – HE and higher apprenticeship applications	Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options and ASK Apprenticeships.	<i>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 13</i> Confirmation of post-18 education and training destinations for all pupils
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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

Review

Next review: *January 2025*



Headteacher