


# Walton Priory Middle School



## Provider Access Legislation Policy

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# Strategic Careers Lead: Miss H Smith

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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 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 one encounter for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8).**

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.

## Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 8 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after Walton Priory:

- Alleyne's Academy
- JCB Academy
- Rural Enterprise Academy

## Management of provider access requests

### Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact *Helena Smith, Strategic Careers Lead* via email [h.smith@waltonpriory.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:h.smith@waltonpriory.staffs.sch.uk) or phone 01785 550040.

### Opportunities for access

The school offers the one provider encounter 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		<b>Careers week event – multiple visitors – minimum of 6 sessions</b> <b>HE encounter (Sixth form)</b> <b>Apprenticeship encounter</b> Apprenticeship, A Level, T Level, college, BTEC – information delivered.	

Provider access legislation will be reviewed annually with regard to timelines, provider contact and programme delivery.

## **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.

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Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers resource section in our library, which is managed by the school librarian. The Careers resource section is available to all pupils at lunch and break times and during lesson time when needed.

## **Complaints:**

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure.

## **Approval and review**

Approved *[date]* by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee

Next review: *May 2024*

Signed: *Julie Yates* - Chair of Governors

*Lindsay Taylor-Potts* - Head Teacher