



PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

Wightwick Hall School

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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the school for the purposes 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.

Student Entitlement

The provider access legislation is a new law that is in force from January 2023.

The updated provider access legislation (PAL) specifies schools must provide at least six encounters for all their students:

- Two encounters for students during the 'first key phase' (Year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all students to attend.
- Two encounters for students during the 'second key phase' (Year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all students to attend.
- Two encounters for students during the 'third key phase' (Year 12 or 13) that are mandatory for the school to put on but optional for students to attend.

The new legislation is a key mechanism to further help learners understand and take-up, not just apprenticeships, but wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Students in Years 8-13 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship 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 curriculum evenings, group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Management of Provider Access Requests

Opportunities for Access

Our provision includes various opportunities for students to access a range of careers and employability events. These are mainly integrated into the school's careers programme and curriculum. Whilst many of these events are delivered internally, opportunities for contributions from external providers are encouraged and visitors are warmly welcomed to speak with students, parents and carers.

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Assistant Headteacher, via the school contact details. This will support the school and provider to identify the most suitable opportunity within the careers programme.

The school policy on safeguarding sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

Resources

Once visits have been agreed, the school will provide appropriate rooming to facilitate the visit, along with any equipment requested by the provider, where it is available.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the school office.