

Woodhouse Academy

Provider Access Policy

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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at 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 7 and 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
- 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
- understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses
- two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend.

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact Miss Parkes, Careers Lead at r.parkes@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk.

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7		National Careers Week assemblies National Apprenticeship Week assemblies Talks on zoom from a range of employers and employees.	Assemblies from post-16 providers about what they offer and what this is like.

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Year 8	<p>Dragon's Den experience where students create their own products and pitch them to a panel of dragons using expertise and advice from a range of external visitors.</p> <p>Aspiration Summit Careers Fair at Stoke Town Hall.</p>	<p>National Careers Week assemblies</p> <p>National Apprenticeship Week assemblies</p> <p>Talks on zoom from a range of employers and employees.</p> <p>A chance for students to explore post-16 options online and in person.</p>	<p>Assemblies from post-16 providers about what they offer and what this is like.</p>
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Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, 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.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with Miss Parkes. The resources will be made available to students where appropriate.

Signed: 

N Perkin - Chair of Governors



D Farr – Principal