

PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

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This policy will be reviewed by:	Mrs H Mercer
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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 8-13 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.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure: A provider wishing to request access should contact William Howard, External Relations Coordinator, Telephone: 01304 820126; Email: howardw@dccacademy.org.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 and/or their parents/carers:

Year 8:

Assembly and tutor group opportunities

Year 9

KS4 options event

Assembly and tutor group opportunities

Year 10

Life Skills – work experience preparation sessions

End of year Work Experience opportunities

Assembly and tutor group opportunities

Year 11

Assembly opportunities regarding Post 16

Post-16 Open Evening

Post-16 taster sessions

Year 12

Higher Education Fair

Post-18 Assembly – Potential Pathways

Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options

Year 13

Workshops – HE and higher apprenticeship applications

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 or a member of their team.

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 students at lunch and break times.