**Provider Access Policy Statement**

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 we have a duty to provide pupils in Years 8-13 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

**What are pupils entitled to?**

Pupils in Years 8 to 13 are entitled to:

* Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs pupils of the full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point.
* Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities on offer, for example, technical education and apprenticeships – this can be achieved through options evenings, assemblies, group discussions, and taster events.
* Understand how to apply to the full range of academic and technical courses available to them.

**What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?**

Via our school careers programme, we offer providers opportunities throughout the school year to speak to pupils and/or their parents / carers.

These sessions will be scheduled during the school’s main opening hours.

Our annual schedule of events is as follows:

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|  | **Autumn** | **Spring** | **Summer** |
| **Year 8** | Careers Assembly | Careers Workshop | C+K Careers |
| **Year 9** | C+K CareersCareers Assembly | C+K CareersLeeds City College 14-16 ApprenticeshipCareers Workshop | C+K CareersSEND Next Choices |
| **Year 10** | C+K CareersCareers Assembly | C+K CareersLeeds City College 14-16 ApprenticeshipCareers Workshop | C+K CareersSEND Next Choices |
| **Year 11** | C+K CareersCareers Assembly | C+K CareersLeeds City College 16+ Apprenticeships and FE Courses.Careers Workshop | C+K CareersSEND Next Choices |

During these sessions, at a minimum, providers will be given enough time to:

* Share information about the provider and the approved technical qualifications and apprenticeships they offer.
* Explain what career routes these qualifications and apprenticeships could lead to.
* Provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider.
* Answer pupils’ questions.

**Which providers have previously been invited to the school?**

In previous terms and academic years, the school has invited the following providers to speak to pupils:

* C+K Careers – Jenny Draycott
* Leeds City College – Noor Godfrey

**Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?**

Providers can speak to our CEO and Careers Leader, Carl Harrison, to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy sets out the school’s approach to allowing providers into school to speak to our pupils.

**What can providers expect once a request has been accepted?**

Once we have approved a provider, we will work with them to identify the best method for providing access to our pupils.

Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our career’s leader and a nominated member of the provider’s team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature for dissemination and review.

**Premises and facilities**

The school will make a suitable presentation space or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and learners, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader.

**How are complaints regarding provider access managed?**

If you have a complaint relating to the school’s provider access arrangements, you can raise it in line with the school’s **Complaints Policy** or you can contact The Careers and Enterprise Company directly on provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk.