

PROVIDER ACCESS STATEMENT

Weldon Village Academy

INTRODUCTION

This policy statement sets out the Weldon Village Academy 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 to 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 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 two encounters for year 8 to 9 pupils and two encounters for year 10 to 11 pupils.

For pupils in year 12 to 13, particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

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.

PREVIOUS PROVIDERS

As a newly opening school, we do not have a list of previous providers.

DESTINATIONS OF OUR PUPILS

As a newly opening school, we do not have any destinations information as yet.

MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUESTS

PROCEDURE

A provider wishing to request access should contact Leanne Turbett, PA to the Principal by email on lturbett@weldonva.org

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS

The school will offer the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text in the table below) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme.

Please speak to our Careers Leader (gmcdonagh@weldonva.org) to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

| | Autumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
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| Year 8 | Careers Education Programme in Core Studies | KS4 options event – Guided Pathways Evenings | Meeting with careers adviser for all Pupil Premium Students. Talk from construction industry (Morgan Sindall) about careers and apprenticeships in construction. |
| Year 9 | What can I do post-16? Visit and talk from Tresham College about Level 2 and 3 courses | Meeting with Careers Advisor for all students | No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 th February if in Year 9. |
| Year 10 | Post 16 technical education options assembly by Stamford College Life Skills – work experience preparation sessions. | Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Include local colleges and apprenticeship providers. | Work Experience |
| Year 11 | Post 16 provider open evenings. Post 16 apprenticeships assembly. | Post-16 careers academic mentoring. Post-16 applications | No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 th February if in Year 11. |

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| | Meetings with careers adviser. Post 16 application. | | Confirmation of post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils. |
| Year 12 | Higher Education Fair for a variety of HE providers including local Further Education colleges. | Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options. Meetings with careers adviser. | Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers. |
| Year 13 | Post 18 assembly - with higher and degree apprenticeship providers. Workshops - HE and higher apprenticeship applications. | Meetings with careers adviser | No encounters - legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 th February if in Year 13. Confirmation of post-18 education and training destinations for all pupils. |

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. Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature, which will be accessible to pupils.

COMPLAINTS

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised through the Meridian Trust complaints procedure.

APPROVAL AND REVIEW

Approved by the school's Academy Council, reviewed every 2 years or at the point of new legislation.

Next review: 20th June 2027