

THE

**WHITBY**  
HIGH SCHOOL



# Provider Access Policy

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# AIMS

We seek to fulfil the needs of learners in a caring, happy environment, enabling them to realise their true potential as young people and citizens.

We aim to enable our learners to:-

**P**REPARE for adult life in a happy, caring and purposeful environment

**A**CHIEVE their full potential regardless of individual need

**C**CARE for everyone and encourage respect and tolerance

**E**NJOY education and rejoice in success



Moving Forward Together



## Introduction

This statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to the school and our students 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.

## Student entitlement

All students in years 8 to 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.
- hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options events, assemblies, group discussions and taster events.
- 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 pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11). For pupils in the 'third key phase' (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.**  
(Bold text is a quote from Provider Access Legislation)

These encounters with providers 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 learners from the provider)
- answer questions from students.

## Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting / session between students and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the Making it Meaningful checklist.

[https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk/sites/default/files/2022-07/1207 - meaningful encounters checklist 1.pdf](https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk/sites/default/files/2022-07/1207_-_meaningful_encounters_checklist_1.pdf)

Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our students.

### **Destinations of our students**

In 2022 our Year 11 students moved on to a range of providers in the local area, including:

- Cheshire College South and West
- The Whitby High School Sixth Form
- TTE
- The Sixth Form College Birkenhead
- ESSAR
- Coleg Cambria
- Reaseheath College
- Scottish Power
- Airbus

In 2022 our Year 13 students also moved on to a range of providers in the local area and beyond including:

- Universities across the UK
- Grant Thornton
- Lloyds Banking Group
- Merseyside Police
- Airbus UK
- TTE
- Toyota
- Ministry of Defence
- JCB
- Barclays

### **Management of provider access requests**

#### **Procedure**

A provider wishing to request access should contact Anne Connor, Careers Coordinator, [aconnor@whitbyhs.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:aconnor@whitbyhs.cheshire.sch.uk)

#### **Opportunities for access**

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers.

Please speak to our Careers Coordinator to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

## Premises and facilities

The school will make available one of the halls, classrooms or private meeting rooms 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 information in the Careers Section of the Library which is maintained by the Careers Coordinator. The Library is available to students at break, lunchtime and after school.

## Complaints

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure

<https://www.whitbyhigh.org/complaints/>

or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via

provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

## Approval and review

Approved 28/3/2023 by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee

Next review is due 28/3/2025 or earlier if there are changes to legislation or guidance by the Government or school management which impact this statement.

<b>Reviewed</b>	March 2023
<b>Next Review</b>	March 2025
<b>Approved by Senior Leadership Team:</b>	Date
<b>Approved by Governors:</b> P. Lewis	Date 26/4/23

