



Prestwich Arts College:

Provider Access Policy (Careers Guidance)

Key Documentation: Education Act 1997 (as amended by the Technical and Further Education Act 2017)

Rationale:

Introduction: From 2 January 2018, **all local-authority-maintained schools and academies** must give education and training providers the opportunity to talk to pupils in years 8 to 13 about approved technical qualifications and apprenticeships. This is a requirement of the Education Act 1997 (as amended by the Technical and Further Education Act 2017)

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purposes 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.

What schools need to do:

Schools must have clear arrangements in place to ensure that all pupils have opportunities to hear from providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 options at, and leading up to, important transition points:

- At 14: studio schools, university technical colleges, further education colleges, in relation to any opportunities for 14-year-old enrolment
- At 16: apprenticeship providers, further education colleges, sixth form colleges, work-based training providers
- At 18: apprenticeship providers, higher education providers

Student entitlement

Students in years 8-11 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 evenings, 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 :

Helen Pickavance - Assistant Head Teacher (Safeguarding and Careers),
0161 773 2052 / hp@prestwich.bury.sch.uk

Jeanette Howe – Careers Co-ordinator
0161 773 2052 / jh1@prestwich.bury.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 and/or their parents:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Inspired to Aspire mentoring programme Small group session JD Sports	Inspired to Aspire mentoring programme Small group session JD Sports	
Year 9	Optional invite to careers fair Inspired to Aspire mentoring programme Small group sessions with JD Sports	Yr 9 Parents Evening Inspired to Aspire mentoring programme Small group sessions with JD Sports Careers Speed Dating Event for the whole year group	
Year 10	Careers Fair	Yr 10 Parents Evening	Working Skills Event Post 16 Taster Day
Year 11	Careers Fair and College Carousel Yr 11 Parents Evening Mock Interviews for the whole year group	Apprenticeship event from Backing Young Bury Career Assemblies for students interested in that career pathway	Key 103 bus apprenticeship information

Please speak to our named Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. This area of leadership is currently jointly shared between Helen Pickavance and Jane Leary.

The school policy on safeguarding sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

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 any other specialist equipment it has within its means 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.

Approval and review

Approved *[date]* by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee

Next review: *[date]*

Signed: *[name]* Chair of Governors

[name] Head teacher