

Open Academy Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the Academy for the purposes of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the Academy's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Student Entitlement

All students 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 evenings, assemblies and group discussion 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 Careers Facilitator and Assistant Head of Sixth Form, Caroline Davies

Telephone: 01603 48172 Email: caroline.davies@open-academy.org.uk

Opportunities for access

Events integrated into the Academy's careers programme offer providers the opportunity to come into school and speak to students and/or their parents. These might involve assemblies, talks, mock interviews, small group sessions and workshops. Please see the Open Academy Careers Overview 2019-2020 for details of events or contact Caroline Davies to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

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

Premises and Facilities

The Academy will make the Lecture Theatre, classrooms or meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity.

The Academy will also make available audio visual and other specialist equipment to support visitor presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance with the Careers Facilitator or member of the teaching staff.

Visitors should understand that we work on a termly basis and within the constraints of timetabled lessons and public examinations, so planning well ahead is recommended, particularly where Year 11 and Year 13 students are involved.