

PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY



APPROVING BODY	Headteacher
DATE APPROVED	September 2024
VERSION	2
SUPERSEDES VERSION	1
REVIEW DATE	September 2025
FURTHER INFORMATION / GUIDANCE	Section 42B of the Education Act 1997

This policy statement sets out the school's 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.

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;
- 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 students of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for Year 8 to 9 students and two encounters for Year 10 to 11 students. For students 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 students 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 students 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 students using the Making it meaningful checklist.

<https://resources.careersandenterprise.co.uk/resources/making-it-meaningful-benchmark-7>

Previous providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our students:

- Chesterfield College
- United Cast Bar
- Chesterfield Royal Hospital
- Elliot Mather Solicitors
- Sheffield Hallam University
- University of Sheffield
- Juniper Training

Provider Access Policy

- Young Enterprise
- Royal Navy
- Royal Air Force
- Derbyshire Constabulary

Destinations of our students

Last year our Year 11 students moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- Brookfield Community School (A Level Pathway)
- Chesterfield College
- DBC Training
- Derby College
- St Mary's Catholic High School
- Sheffield College
- Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust

Destination	Number	Percentage %
Total in Full Time Education	170	95.5%
Total Training (Non Employed)	0	0%
Total Employment	5	2.8%
Total Voluntary & Part Time Activities	0	0%
Total not in Education, Employment or Training	3	1.7%

Last year our Year 13 students moved to a range of providers after school:

- University 77.9%
- Apprenticeship 2.9%
- Employment 8.7%
- College 3.9%
- Gap year 2.9%
- Other 0.9%

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact our Careers Advisor, via email on careers@brookfieldcs.org.uk

Safeguarding

Providers are expected to comply with the academy's safeguarding policy. DBS checks are not normally required for a 'one-off' academy visit however we may require a level of supervision to take place which will be considered on an individual event basis

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 students or their parents or carers. Please speak to our Careers Advisor to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

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 AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Advisor 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 students.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at main reception which will then be shared with the library/careers team.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure. This policy can be found in the Parent section of the school website.