

Alfreton Park School



Provider Access Policy Statement

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Provider Access Policy

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.

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8 to 13, for whom it is appropriate, 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 colleges and internships – through options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of 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 qualification and internships 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

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area or taken our pupils to visit:

- Project Search Supported Internship Scheme
- Landmarks College
- Chesterfield Royal Hospital
- Portland College

- Broomfield College
- Rolls Royce

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 14 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school: [stats on destinations]

- FairPlay
- The Seashell Trust
- Aera Support, Genesis Centre

Last year our year 13 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- Supported Internship at Gulliver's Kingdom

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact Amy Naylor, Post-14 and Careers Lead on anaylor@alfretonpark.derbyshire.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law , in a way that is most appropriate for our pupils' needs. 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 Leader 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 pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available audio, video 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 at reception.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company.