

William Edwards School: Provider Access Policy

Introduction

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 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 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).

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 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.

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

Previous providers

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

- USP – Palmers; South Essex College; Osbourne; Writtle College; Barking and Dagenham College; Writtle College; Havering College; Choice Training

Destinations of our pupils

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

- To access this information please click on the link below and then click on the link titled 'Destination data for William Edwards students'.

<https://willamedwards.org.uk/students/careers/>

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Treherne Parker, Assistant Head Teacher, by email parkert@wes.swecet.org or by phone 01375 486000.

Opportunities for access

The school offers a minimum of four provider encounters (WES is unable to offer provider encounters to Year 12 and 13) 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 Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Below is a summary of the current provision, aimed at developing our pupils' knowledge and understanding of the post 16 technical/vocational qualifications and pathways, including apprenticeships. It also includes opportunities where providers meet directly with them. This summary will update each time additional activities and opportunities are provided.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	<p>Tutor time presentations covering post 16 technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p> <p>Tutor time presentations and notifications directing pupils and parents to the school's careers webpage containing key information about technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p>	<p>Tutor time presentations covering post 16 technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p> <p>National Apprenticeship week National Careers week Assembly</p> <p>Tutor time presentations and notifications directing pupils and parents to the school's careers webpage containing key information about technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p>	<p>Tutor time presentations covering post 16 technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p> <p>Morrisby Careers Unifrog pathways</p> <p>Tutor time presentations and notifications directing pupils and parents to the school's careers webpage containing key information about technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p>
Year 9	<p>Tutor time presentations covering post 16 technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p>	<p>Meeting with Careers Adviser Focus Day – KS4 Options including attendance by SEC, Choice Training, HIT Training, Jett Hairdressing Academy and Axiseurope. In attendance will</p>	<p>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in Year 9</p> <p>Tutor time presentations covering post 16 technical</p>

	<p>Tutor time presentations and notifications directing pupils and parents to the school's careers webpage containing key information about technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p>	<p>be alumni who have qualified from apprenticeships to speak with the pupils.</p> <p>Tutor time presentations covering post 16 technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p> <p>Tutor time presentations and notifications directing pupils and parents to the school's careers webpage containing key information about technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p> <p>Morrisby Careers</p> <p>National Apprenticeship week National Careers week Assembly</p>	<p>qualifications and apprenticeships</p> <p>Tutor time presentations and notifications directing pupils and parents to the school's careers webpage containing key information about technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p>
Year 10	<p>Focus Day – Post 16 qualifications and Pathways</p> <p>Tutor time presentations covering post 16 technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p> <p>Tutor time presentations and notifications directing pupils and parents to the school's careers webpage containing key information about technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p>	<p>Apprenticeships and Traineeships presentation</p> <p>Tutor time presentations covering post 16 technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p> <p>Tutor time presentations and notifications directing pupils and parents to the school's careers webpage containing key information about technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p> <p>Morrisby Careers</p> <p>National Apprenticeship week National Careers week Assembly</p>	<p>Technical/vocational taster days at local colleges and training providers, including: USP – Palmers Campus SEC – Grays Campus</p> <p>Meeting with Careers Adviser</p> <p>Tutor time presentations covering post 16 technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p> <p>Tutor time presentations and notifications directing pupils and parents to the school's careers webpage containing key information about technical qualifications and apprenticeships</p> <p>Morrisby Careers</p>
Year 11	<p>Meeting with Careers Adviser</p> <p>Post 16 provider open evenings</p>	<p>Meeting with Careers Adviser</p> <p>Post 16 provider open evenings</p> <p>Post 16 applications</p>	<p>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in Year 11</p>

	Post 16 applications Mock Interview Day including SEC, USP, Writtle, Barking and Dagenham, Choice Training and employers Virtual Careers Fair – Thurrock Opportunities Tutor time presentations covering post 16 technical qualifications and apprenticeships Tutor time presentations and notifications directing pupils and parents to the school's careers webpage containing key information about technical qualifications and apprenticeships	Focus Day – KS5 opportunities; including presentations from USP, SEC, Osbourne (and Writtle). Tutor time presentations covering post 16 technical qualifications and apprenticeships National Apprenticeship week National Careers week Assembly Tutor time presentations and notifications directing pupils and parents to the school's careers webpage containing key information about technical qualifications and apprenticeships	Confirmation of post 16 education and training destinations for Year 11 pupils.
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Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

Providers can speak to Assistant Headteacher, Mr T Parker, to discuss possible attendance at relevant events. Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school to speak to our pupils.

What are the rules for granting and refusing access requests?

We will grant access requests that meet the following criteria:

- Requests from Ofsted registered 11-19 providers
- That are reasonable and do not impact on existing educational provision for our pupils

What can providers expect once a request has been accepted?

Once we have approved a provider, we will work with them to identify the best method for providing access to our pupils. We will make the school hall, classrooms and private meeting rooms available to host discussions between providers and pupils. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors and televisions, available to providers.

Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our careers leader and a nominated member of the provider's team.

Can providers leave prospectuses for pupils to read?

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with Mr T Parker.


Approval and review

This policy statement was approved by the school's Senior Leadership Team in September 2023.

The next review will take place on September 2024.

Signed: _____  _____

Mr S Bell – Headteacher

Signed: _____  _____

Mrs V Northall - Chair of Trustees