


Provider Access Policy Statement

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Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as of 2 January 2018, we have a duty to provide pupils in years 8-13 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

What are pupils entitled to?

Pupils must be allowed to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs pupils of the full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities on offer, for example, technical education and apprenticeships – this can be achieved through options evenings, assemblies, group discussions, and taster events.
- Understand how to apply to the full range of academic and technical courses available to them.

Who handles our access requests?

Any provider wishing to request access should contact the Respect Collaboration of Schools' Careers Lead on 01332 477164, by emailing admin@respectschools.co.uk or by completing our online enquiry form here: <https://respectschools.co.uk/contact-us/>.

What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?

Via our [school careers programme](#), we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the school year to speak to pupils and/or their parents. Below is an example of our annual schedule of events where we proactively promote input from external providers (you can find further information by following the link above):

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 7		Visits to local providers	Local training Provider visits and industry guest speakers

Year 8	<p>Open evening for local university technical colleges</p> <p>Local Market Information (LMI) tutorial sessions</p>	Enterprise Day including guests from local industry	Local training Provider visits and industry guest speakers
Year 9	'Speed networking' event with providers and local and national employers and/or training providers	KS4 options evening – input from local industry and training providers	Derby College Visit- Careers talk
Year 10	<p>Virtual work experience sessions – facilitated via Speakers for Schools</p> <p>Onsite Careers Fair – attended by local training/apprenticeship providers</p> <p>Attendance at events where pupils can access local/national training providers and employers</p>	<p>Mock Interview Day - facilitated by local employers, FE providers and training providers</p> <p>Ask Programme- Apprenticeships and Traineeships for Targeted SEN Students.</p>	<p>Work Experience – in partnership with local employers</p> <p>Careers Day (Summer School) - onsite with employers FE, training and apprenticeship providers</p>
Year 11	<p>Careers Fair – onsite with 6 local training/apprenticeship providers from within Derby</p> <p>Attendance at events where pupils can access local/national training providers and employers</p>	<p>Mock interview Day – facilitated by local employers, FE providers and training providers</p> <p>Virtual Work Experience (for high risk NEET pupils) Speakers for Schools</p>	<p>One to One mentoring for targeted students.</p> <p>Careers Day (Summer School) - onsite with employers FE, training and apprenticeship providers</p> <p>Work Shadowing – offsite experience on the workplace with structured support from school staff and local employers Derby City Council</p>

Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

Providers can speak to the Careers Lead to discuss possible attendance at relevant events. This will be discussed as a senior leadership to decide on the appropriateness for the students who attend school.

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.

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

All access to pupils will be governed by our Safeguarding and Child Protection policies - pupil safety and welfare is our highest priority. If providers cannot comply with the terms and conditions of these policies access to pupils will be denied on this basis.

Can providers leave prospectuses for pupils to read?

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with the Headteachers.