



PHILIPS HIGH SCHOOL

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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at 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 45A of the Education Act 1997.

Pupil entitlement

New guidance came into force in 1st January 2023. The updated provider access legislation (PAL) specifies schools must provide at least six encounters for all their students from years 7 to 13.

All pupils in years 7-11 are entitled:

- to two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend
- to two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend

Rationale

- 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.

*In the context of the provider access legislation, a provider is an organisation that offers approved technical education qualifications or their representative, for example an FE college or training provider.

A provider, to whom access is given, must deliver an encounter that includes the following:

- Information about the provider and the approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships that the provider offers
- Information about the careers to which those technical education qualifications or apprenticeships might lead
- A description of what learning or training with the provider is like
- Responses to questions from the pupils about the provider or approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact
Mr Colin Duxbury, Telephone: 0161 351 2200; Email: Careers@philipshigh.co.uk

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers: Throughout the academic year there are weekly year group assemblies and dedicated periods of time for providers to have the opportunity to come into school. Please contact Mr Duxbury to arrange a convenient time to talk to specific year groups.

The school policy on Safeguarding (*which is available on the school website*) sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to students.

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 Leader or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature, this information will be available to all students at lunch and break times in the School Library.

Approval and Review:

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