

Katherine Warington School: Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy fully complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as amended by the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 (Provider Access Legislation - PAL). The school ensures that all pupils in Years 7 through 13 have access to a minimum number of meaningful encounters with approved providers of technical education and apprenticeships.

Student entitlement

Students in years 7-13 are entitled:

All pupils at Katherine Warington School in Years 7-13 are entitled to access a comprehensive careers programme that includes a minimum of six meaningful encounters (one per academic year) with a range of providers of approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships.

These encounters are scheduled to take place during the standard school day and will provide comprehensive information on a range of post-16 and post-18 education and training options available.

Content of Encounters

Every meaningful encounter must cover, as a minimum:

1. Information about the provider and the approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships they offer.
2. Information about the careers to which those qualifications or apprenticeships might lead.
3. A description of what learning or training with the provider is like.
4. An opportunity for pupils to ask questions of the provider.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact *Mr Tom Way*, Careers Lead

Telephone: 01582 314777; Email: t.way@kwschool.co.uk

Opportunities for access

A number of formal and informal events are integrated into the school careers programme to offer providers an opportunity to speak to pupils and/or their parents. These opportunities are strategically planned to fulfil the school's statutory duty to provide the minimum six encounters.

Opportunities may include, but are not limited to:

- Assemblies and whole-year-group events
- Careers Fairs and Options Evenings
- PSHCE/PHSE careers scheme of learning sessions
- Dedicated Period 7 opportunities or lunchtime drop-in sessions

The Careers Lead will work with the provider to identify the most suitable opportunity based on the planned schedule of events.

The school policy on safeguarding sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our 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 at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.

Approval and review

Approved 03 December 2025 by Governors

Next review: December 2027

Signed: *Jenny Howarth* Chair of Governors

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