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1. Aims

This policy statement sets out our school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students for the purpose of giving them information about their options.

It sets out:

- Procedures in relation to requests for access
- The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access
- Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

2. Statutory requirements

Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in Years 8 to 13 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.

Schools must also have a policy statement that outlines the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to these students.

This is outlined in section 42B of the **Education Act 1997**.

This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements

3. Pupil/student entitlement

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 10-11). For pupils in the 'third key phase' (year 12-13), 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 students 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.

Students in years 7-13 at Bloxwich Academy 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



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- hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

4. Management of provider access requests

4.1 Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact, **Mr Edward Stubley, Assistant Headteacher.**

- ☐ Telephone: 01922 710 257
- ☐ Email: postbox@bloxwichacademy.co.uk

4.2 Opportunities for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during Academy assemblies, timetable careers and raising aspirations events that Bloxwich Academy is arranging. Students, if it is appropriate for them to do so, may also visit other providers as part of their planned careers education.

These are detailed in our Career Plan **2024-2025** document and published on our website. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Bespoke Presentations

We are always actively looking to secure partnerships, work experience placements and talks from outside agencies to broaden our pupils/students' horizons. We believe that it is essential that all of our pupils/students have meaningful exposure to businesses and employers in order to enhance their understanding of potential career routes when leaving school. Please speak to our Careers SLT lead, **Mr Edward Stubley** to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

4.3 Granting and refusing

We will always try to grant access wherever possible but may refuse based on the following criteria. Please note this list is not exhaustive and each request will be considered on a case by case basis.

- Nature of the request from provider
- The needs of the students
- The needs of the curriculum
- Number of requests received from provider
- Number of requests received for a particular cohort of students
- Timing of the academic day
- Availability in our calendar
- Quality of previous interactions with our students
- Failure to pass safeguarding checks



- Safety of our pupils, staff and visitors.

4.4 Safeguarding

Our Child Safeguarding Policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors. Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy: <https://bloxwichacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Safeguarding-Policy-mat-blox-FINAL-SEPT-22.pdf>

4.5 Premises and facilities

Depending on the nature of the session, providers will have access to presentation rooms or classrooms with audio/visual equipment, projectors or interactive whiteboards.

Organisation of these facilities will take place when you contact the Careers Leader about your proposed session.

Providers can leave materials such as prospectuses for the students to read but we kindly ask that this is agreed with the Careers Leader first. Such materials will be assessed for their suitability.

Complaints procedure.

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to **Mr Edward Stubleby** via email to postbox@bloxwichacademy.co.uk. Mr. Stubleby will raise the complaint to **Mr J Till**, Headteacher of Bloxwich Academy.