



Provider Access Policy

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Equality Impact Assessment	Yes

Pensby High 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). For pupils in the 'third key phase' (year 12 to 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 pupils 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:

- 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:

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Y9	Autumn Term Careers in the BBC (Salford Keys)- 6 careers talks Spring Term Careers in policing - Wirral Spring Term National Apprenticeship Talks - Spotlight on talks - 3 providers Assembly - Wirral Hospital - Arrowe Park - NHS - Careers in the NHS Spotlight on school vaccinations
Y10	Autumn Term Careers in the BBC (Salford Keys)- 6 careers talks Autumn Term: Post 16 Fair (November) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birkenhead Sixth Form • Wirral Met • Wirral Grammar Boys • West Kirby Grammar • Upton Hall • Birkenhead High School • Andrew Collinge Training • Cheshire College South and West • Tranmere Rovers • LMA Spring Term Apprenticeship Fair (March 9 th) - Invited <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armed Forces • Rolls Royce • Steven Gerrard Academy • Hays Travel • Airbus • The Engineering College • HSBC • MTC • Nestle • Civil Service Apprenticeships Spring Term Careers in policing - Wirral Spring Term National Apprenticeship Talks - Spotlight on talks - 5 providers TTE - assembly Spring Term Work Experience week
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Destinations of our pupils

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

Destinations Data
2019-20

	School	LEA	England
Pupils staying in education or employment for at least 2 terms after Key Stage 4	97%	94%	94%
Pupils staying in education for at least 2 terms	93%	90%	89%
Further education or college provider	40%	21%	36%
School 6 th Forms	14%	51%	38%
Other education destinations	0%	2%	2%
Pupils in apprenticeships	2%	2%	2%

2021-2022

2022 percentages to date:

6 th form	- 47%
college	- 40%
apprenticeship	- 5.7%
employment inc armed forces	- 2.8%
other/ mixed (college/6 th form)	- 4.2%

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

Mrs H Davies – Deputy Headteacher schooloffice@psf.wirral.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by 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.

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Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, 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.

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

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the library, which is managed by the school librarian. The library is available to all pupils at lunch and break times.

Complaints

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

[To be reviewed March 2024](#)