

PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purposes 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.

Student Entitlement

Students in years 8-11 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.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options evenings, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Management of Provider Access Requests

1. Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Andrew Rastrick, Careers Leader Telephone: 01942 728221 Email: arastrick@byrchall.wigan.sch.uk

2. Opportunities For Access

A number of events are integrated into the school careers programme which would potentially offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents. The school calendar varies from year to year so providers need to contact the member of staff named above to identify the most suitable opportunity. The events are usually arranged well in advance, so it is essential that providers contact us early in the academic year to be involved in our planning.

Access to students and/or parents will be granted on the understanding that information and guidance offered by providers is related to technical courses and apprenticeship opportunities only.

Providers will be expected to meet the school's safeguarding requirements which can be found in the Safeguarding Policy Statement accessible on the school website.

Below are some of the opportunities on offer but providers can contact arastrick@byrchall.wigan.sch.uk for further details:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Ethos Day Byrchall Careers Fair	National Apprenticeship week activities	Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (IDEA Club)
		National Careers Week activities	
		Careers and Aspiration day	
Year 8	Ethos day Byrchall Careers Fair	National Apprenticeship week activities	Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (IDEA Club)
		National Careers Week activities	
		Careers and Aspiration day	
Year 9	Ethos Day	National Apprenticeship week activities	Options interviews
	Byrchall Careers Fair		Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (IDEA
	Introduction to Options process	National Careers Week activities	Club)
		Options Information Evening with market place event for colleges/training providers	
		Options Assemblies	
		Careers and Aspiration Day	

Year 10	Byrchall Careers Fair	GM Higher Go Further programme Careers and Aspiration day	Technical/vocational tasters at local college/s, training providers
	Life skills – assembly and tutor group opportunities		Meetings with careers professional
			Workplace visits/work experience challenge
			Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (IDEA Club)
Year 11	assembly programme	Careers and Aspiration day- Mock Interviews with local business/training providers	Confirmation of post 16 education destinations for all pupils
	Preparation for Success evening for parents and students including post-16 providers		Meetings with careers professional
	Post 16 provider open evenings	Meetings with careers professional	
		National Apprenticeship week activities	
	1.	National Careers Week activities	
	Ethos Day Byrchall Careers Fair		

3. Premises and facilities

Access to appropriate rooms and facilities will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the school. The Careers Leader will ensure that students have access to these materials at suitable times and upon request.

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