**Provider access policy statement**

**Derby Pride Academy**



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| **Approved by:** | Mr W Ingleby, Chair of Governors | **Date: 20/03/2023** |
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**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).**

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:

* Derby College
* The University of Derby
* Juniper Training
* The Army
* G F Tomlinson, Builders
* Morrisons Flowerworld
* Rolls-Royce

**Destinations of our pupils**

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

* Derby College
* Juniper Training
* Derby Skillbuild
* Lees Brook Skills Academy

**Management of provider access requests**

**Procedure**

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mrs Nicky Smith, Careers Leader, by email to n.smith@derbyprideacademy.co.uk or by telephone on 01332 349616.

**Opportunities for access**

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law 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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|  | Autumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
| Year 8 | Visit to school by The Army to discuss education and training pathways, including apprenticeship courses. | Programme delivered by DWP covering various aspects of education, employment and training.  |  |
| Year 9 | Visit to school by The Army to discuss education and training pathways, including apprenticeship courses. | Programme delivered by DWP covering various aspects of education, employment and training.  | No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 9 |
| Year 10 | Visit to a local employer who offers a variety of apprenticeship opportunities. | Employees from local businesses attend school to speak to students about various training options within their company. | 1:1 meetings with a Careers Adviser to learn about technical qualifications and apprenticeships. |
| Year 11 | Local college and other training and education providers visit school to talk to students about the available options. | Meetings with careers adviser Post 16 applicationsVisit to the University of Derby to learn about life at Uni and courses on offer. | No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 11Confirmation of Post 16 education and training destinations for all pupils |

**Premises and facilities**

The school will 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 online engagement with our pupils.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Reception desk for the attention of the Careers Leader. The Careers Leader is available to all students at break and lunch time and during personal development sessions.

**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

**Approval and review**

Approved by Governors

Next review: 16/02/2024

Signed: Mr W Ingleby, Chair of Governors

Mrs Kay Taylor, Head teacher