



Hodgson Academy

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 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 8-11 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;
- 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.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Paul Marsden, Senior Assistant Principal.
Telephone: 01253 882815; Email: p.marsden@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers. These are reviewed annually but typically include:

Year 8	Careers Convention Options information evening
Year 9	Careers Convention
Year 10	Careers Convention Visit to the Apprenticeship Show Changing Horizons event (DWP) ASK (Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge) assembly
Year 11	Visits from BSF and B&FC to all PSHE classes to discuss pathways Careers Convention Mock Interviews

Additionally, a programme of lunchtime sessions runs throughout the year offering students an opportunity to meet people from a range of careers and pathways. These are open to every year group.

Please contact the school to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or 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 Senior Assistant Principal or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Learning Resource Centre. The Learning Resource Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.

This policy will be reviewed annually

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