

Birkdale High School 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 7-11 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 evenings 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:

Careers Lead, Paul Marshall, Assistant Head teacher, Telephone: 01704 577253

Email: pmarshall1@birkdalehigh.co.uk

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school career programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers:

Year Group	Autumn Term	Spring term	Summer Term
7	Life skills assembly [JCB] & tutor group activities. W-R-L activity in PSCHE.	Employer Contact Event.	Enterprise Activity in PSCHE week.
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11	Life skills assembly [JCB] & tutor group activities. Assemblies from 6 th Form providers and colleges to cover, apprenticeships, Vocational and Advanced Level study. Careers fair of local post Birkdale opportunities. Personal Statements for KGV, how to fill in an application form. Information provided for College Open evenings. One to One independent careers interviews.	One to One independent careers interviews. College drop in sessions for applications. Employer Contact Event.	One to One independent careers interviews.

Please speak to our Careers Lead to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the media hall, classrooms or private meetings room available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available facilities for PowerPoint presentations or subject to discussion other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will be discussed and agreed in advance of the Careers Leader or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers base in U15.

Approved and reviewed

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Signed: Chris Tait [Chair of Governors]

and

Gil Bourgade [Head teacher]