

The Mosslands 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.

We will grant providers access to students if we believe it to be beneficial to the students and our safeguarding requirements are met. Our safeguarding/child protection policy, which can be found on our website, outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors to ensure that our students are always safe whilst meeting or speaking with external providers. Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

We will also consider the timing and existing contacts each year group experience.

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:

- Wirral Met
- Hugh Baird College
- Liverpool City College
- Cheshire College
- Reaseheath
- Birkenhead Sixth Form College
- Coleg Cambria
- Liverpool John Moores University
- The University of Liverpool
- Edge Hill University
- Hope University
- Ask Apprenticeships
- Be More
- All About Stem
- The Learning Foundry
- LLS
- BIMM
- LIPA
- BDO
- Merseyside Police
- Royal Navy
- RAF
- Army
- Lloyds Banking Group
- DWP
- Hi Impact
- Career Connect

Destinations of our pupils

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

- <https://www.mosslands.co.uk/page/?title=Destinations&pid=542>

Last year our year 13 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school, a [breakdown of destination is also provided on the above link](#)

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact

[Elish Crilly, Careers Adviser, Elishcrilly@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:Elishcrilly@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk)

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (**marked in bold text**) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. (**See table below**)

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.

In development for 23-24	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Careers Adviser Assembly		
Year 8		Careers Fair	University Visit
Year 9	AAA Programme T Levels Presentation	Meet the Careers Adviser Options Evening	
Year 10	AAA Programme T Levels Presentation	Careers Fair	Post 16 Careers Interviews
Year 11	AAA Programme Next Steps Programme Post 16 Careers Interviews Apprenticeship Presentation	Post 16 Careers Interviews Careers Fair Mock Interviews	Post 16 Careers Interviews
Year 12	Apprenticeship Presentation	Careers Fair Higher Technical Qualifications Q&A	HE Fair
Year 13		Careers Fair	

This section will be updated on the website as appropriate, please check for most recent version

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 online engagement with our pupils.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers **Office or School Library**.

Evaluation

We expect all access requests to support our intention to meet the Gatsby Benchmarks. The Compass Tool is used termly to update our Careers Education Provision and to inform strategic planning. Each event offered to students will be evaluated internally in line with our Careers Policy (available on the school website).

<https://www.mosslands.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1842&type=pdf>

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 [date] by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee

Next review: [date]

Signed: [name] Chair of Governors

[name] Head teacher