

PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

The Link Secondary School

The OHC&AT Board of Directors has agreed this Policy and as such, it applies across all OHCAT Academies – 2nd July 2021.

Jay Mercer
Chair of OHCAT Board



INTRODUCTION

As of 2 January 2018, schools and academies are required to provide technical education and apprenticeship providers with opportunities to talk to students in years 8 to 13 about approved technical qualifications and apprenticeships. This is a requirement of the Education Act 1997 (as amended by the [Technical and Further Education Act 2017](#)).

This policy statement sets out The Link Secondary School's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students 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 8-13 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship 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, career exhibitions 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 initially contact the Career Lead at The Link Secondary School, listed below:

Hannah Wallwork
hwallwork@linksec.org.uk
020 8688 7691

Opportunities for access

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

Please refer to the Child Protection Adult Protection & Safeguarding Policy and the Visiting Speakers Policy for details of our approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

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 be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Lead.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at Reception, which will then be distributed to the most appropriate place within the setting so that students can access at an appropriate time.

POLICY REVIEW DETAILS

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RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Child Protection Adult Protection & Safeguarding Policy
Visiting Speaker Policy