

Impact North West Schools Access Policy Statement

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Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 we have a duty to provide pupils in Years 8-11 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

What are pupils entitled to?

Pupils in Years 8 to 11 are entitled to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs pupils of the full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities on offer, for example, technical education and apprenticeships – this can be achieved through options evenings, assemblies, group discussions, and taster events.
- Understand how to apply to the full range of academic and technical courses available to them.

All pupils in Years 8 to 11 will receive at least six encounters with accredited providers of technical education and apprenticeships. These encounters will be divided accordingly:

- During the first key phase (Year 8 to Year 9) all pupils must attend two mandatory sessions by accredited providers
- During the second key phase (Year 10 and 11) all pupils must attend two mandatory sessions by accredited providers

What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?

Via our school careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the school year to speak to pupils and/or their parents. Our careers programme is provided by Careers Connect.

These sessions will be scheduled during the school's main opening hours.

The school offers the six provider encounters that are legally required

Our annual schedule of events can be viewed on INWS Personal Development Calendar

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During these sessions, at a minimum, providers will be given enough time to:

- Share information about the provider and the approved technical qualifications and apprenticeships they offer.
- Explain what career routes these qualifications and apprenticeships could lead to.
- Provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider.
- Answer pupils' questions.

Which providers have previously been invited to the school?

In previous terms and academic years, the school has invited the following providers to speak to pupils:

- Liverpool College
- Fire Service
- Royal Marines
- Wirral Metropolitan College
- Careers Connect
- Street Doctors
- The cells project
- Princes Trust
- Birkenhead Sixth Form College
- John Lewis
- Tranmere Rovers
- Liverpool John Moores University

Last year, our Year 11 pupils moved on to a range of providers in the local area after finishing school:

- Coleg Cambria
- Cheshire South and West
- Wirral Metropolitan
- Apprenticeships

Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

Providers can speak to our careers leader, Jayne Jones, to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

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Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school to speak to our pupils.

Once we have approved a provider, we will work with them to identify the best method for providing access to our pupils.

We will make the classrooms and private meeting rooms available to host discussions between providers and pupils. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors and televisions, available to providers.

Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our careers leader and a nominated member of the provider's team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with the school office.

How are complaints regarding provider access managed?

If you have a complaint relating to the school's provider access arrangements, you can raise it in line with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy or you can contact The Careers and Enterprise Company directly on provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk.

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