

Policy statement on provider access

Fearn Community Sports College: 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 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

Pupils in years 8-13 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 evenings, 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 **Katherine Bollard-Wilkes, Careers Coordinator,**

Telephone: 01706 873896; Email: kbollard-wilkes@fearn.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:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Tutor Sessions/ Assemblies Careers Fair	Tutor Sessions/ Assemblies	Employment Fair GCSE options event

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 9	Tutor Sessions/ Assemblies Careers Fair	Parents Information evening	Employment Fair
Year 10	Tutor Sessions/ Assemblies Careers Fair	Tutor Session Assemblies Employer Mock Interviews	Employment Fair Post-16 taster sessions Parents Evening
Year 11	Provider Talks Event Post-16 taster sessions Provider Mock Interviews Parents Information evening Careers Fair	Lunch time provider drop-in sessions Parents evening GCSE Mock Results Day	Tutor Sessions/ Assemblies Employment Fair

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

The school policy on safeguarding <https://www.fearns.lancs.sch.uk/school-info/policies> sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our pupils.

Rules on granting and refusing access

As the school aims to raise awareness of a cross section of opportunities and job sectors, and with limited space and time, it may not always be possible to accommodate every request. Decisions on granting access will be made with regard to these issues.

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 equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Coordinator or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the Careers Coordinator. The Resource Centre is available to all pupils at lunch and break times.

Approval and review

Approved by: Governors

Next review: SEPT 2020

Signed:

Chair of Governors

Head teacher