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## **Introduction**

This policy statement sets out University of Birmingham School's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils and students 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, The Department of Education, July 2021: "baker Clause" and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023.

University of Birmingham School welcomes, and will actively seek, input from a wide range of providers about future pathways for pupils and students at the School.

## **Learner entitlement**

All pupils in Years 7-13 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.

The updated provider access legislation (PAL) specifies Schools must provide at least six encounters with approved providers of apprenticeships and technical education for all their students:

- Two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend ;
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend ;
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'third key phase' (year 12 or 13) that are mandatory for the School to put on but optional for pupils to attend.

## **Management of provider access requests**

### **Procedure**

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Principal, on 0121 796 5000 or by email via: [reception@uobschool.org.uk](mailto:reception@uobschool.org.uk)

The Principal may then delegate matters for action to a member of the Senior Leadership Team, or the School's Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) Manager.

### **Opportunities for access**

A number of events, integrated into the School careers and enrichment programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into School to speak to pupils/students and/or their parents/carers. This can, and does, include assemblies, enrichment activities, transition events, or one-off events at other points in the School calendar.

You will be signposted to the most appropriate avenue for your organisation.

## **Premises and facilities**

The School will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils/students, 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. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature to be displayed in either the library or the Sixth Form Centre, whichever is most relevant to the audience.

## **Training providers & Employers who have previously supported our programmes include:**

Training providers:

- University College Birmingham
- Halesowen College
- Cadbury College
- South & City College
- University of Birmingham

Employers:

- Wilmott Dixon – Construction
- NHS – Healthcare
- Mott MacDonald – Civil Engineering
- HSBC – Banking & Finance
- University of Birmingham – Medical, Law
- Edgbaston Park Hotel – Hospitality & Catering
- Sport 4 Life