

ASHGATE CROFT SCHOOL

CAREERS PROGRAMME – PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY



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To be reviewed by: Bi-annually.

INTRODUCTION

Provider Access Procedure Introduction

This statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to 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. Although outside the scope of the legal requirements, the school also welcomes the opportunity to engage positively with employers about career opportunities for students.

Reasons for the policy

All students in years 7-14 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.

In addition:

- *Schools must provide at least six opportunities for providers of technical education and apprenticeships to speak to all pupils, during school years 8 to 13. **NB:** Due to the learning age of our pupils, they will not move into technical education or apprenticeships once they leave school, however, where appropriate, we arrange opportunities for supported internship providers to speak to our pupils whilst using employers to enhance the delivery of the curriculum across school where appropriate.*

School need to ensure that they:

- Promote positive attitudes towards careers planning;
- Ensure that staff, students, parents and carers are all aware of future opportunities.

Management of provider access requests Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Richard Windle (Careers Leader), with the relevant details. All requests will be referred to the Headteacher or Upper School Assistant Head for approval.

Careers Leader contact details

Email: acsrwindle@learnerstrust.org

Ashgate Croft School

Ashgate Road

Chesterfield

S40 4BN

Tel: 01246 275111

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private 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 all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader.

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors. This sets out the schools approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students. Education and training providers are expected to adhere to this policy.

Criteria for success

- Students feel safe, happy and successful at school.
- Students, parents and carers have confidence in planning their future careers.

Monitoring and evaluation

- Regular review of policy and procedures by the Leadership Team.

References

UN conventions on the Rights of the Child - <https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/>