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An Aldridge Community Academy 

Provider Access Policy Statement

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1. Aims

This policy statement aims to set out our school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students for the purpose of giving them information about their offer. It sets out:

- › Procedures in relation to requests for access
- › The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access
- › Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

2. Statutory requirements

Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in years 8 to 13 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.

Schools must also have a policy statement that outlines the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to these students.

This is outlined in section 42B of the [Education Act 1997](#).

This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements.

3. Student entitlement

All students in years 8 to 11 at Darwen Vale High School are entitled to:

- › Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities as part of our careers programme, which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point
- › Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships
- › Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses

4. Management of provider access requests

4.1 Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Neil Miele, Careers lead.

Telephone: 01254 223 000

Email: nmiele@darwenvale.com

4.2 Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into our careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers:

	AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
YEAR 8	Startup Sherpas Enterprise Bootcamp Enterprise Competition	Startup Sherpas Enterprise Bootcamp Career Fair	Work place visits
YEAR 9	Enterprise Competition	Key Stage 4 options event Work place visits Career Fair	Q&A session with employer
YEAR 10	Careers Fair Work place visits	Career Fair	Assembly on opportunities at 16 Speed Network Event College taster
YEAR 11	Assembly on opportunities at 16 1-1 Advice meetings Mock Interview	Assembly on opportunities at 16 1-1 Advice meetings Career Fair	

Please speak to our careers lead Mr Miele to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

4.3 Granting and refusing access

Access will be granted based on the availability of facilities, timetabling and other school events. All access requests will be approved by the Careers Lead and responsible member of the Senior Leadership Team.

4.4 Safeguarding

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

4.5 Premises and facilities

The school will make the multi-purpose 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 equipment to support provider presentations where appropriate. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader or a member of their team. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Area in the Library. The Careers Area is available to all students during break time, lunch time and some after school clubs.

5. Links to other policies

- Safeguarding policy, CEIAG (careers) policy and our Curriculum policy can be found on our website at www.darwenvale.com/policies

6. Monitoring arrangements

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students are monitored by Neil Miele, Careers Lead

This policy will be reviewed by Neil Miele, Careers Lead, annually.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the governing board.

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