

Bower Park Academy Provider Access Policy

Provider Access Policy Introduction:

This policy statement sets out the academy'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

Students in years 8-13 are entitled:

- To learn 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, 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 Mrs Kelly Porter, Careers Lead, via email (porter.k@bowerpark.co.uk)

Opportunities for access:

Throughout the academic year, there are weekly house assemblies and an annual whole-school assembly. In addition, we run a college transfer evening and a careers fair, during which providers have the opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils. In addition, there are parents' evenings, which providers are also able to attend (see our website for information regarding dates). Please speak to Mrs Porter to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

The academy's policy on safeguarding sets out its approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

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 audiovisual and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed with Mrs Porter in advance of the visit.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with Mrs Porter. This will be available for pupils to peruse in the academy's library.

Approval and review:

Approved January 2018 by the Governing Body

Next review: June 2019

Signed: