

Provider Access Policy 2018-2019

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This policy statement sets out the Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the Academy for the purpose of giving them information about the providers' education or training offer. This complies with the schools' legal obligations under section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and the Technical and Further Education Act 2017.

2. Student entitlement

- 2.1 All students in years 7-13 are entitled:
- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship 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 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.

3. Management of provider access requests

- 3.1 A provider wishing to request access should contact Dr Hilary Faulkner, Assistant Principal i/c Careers tel: 01733 426060 ext. 6179 email: hfa@tda.education

4. Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into our Academy's careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers. This is integrated into our wider careers strategy. The events listed below are subject to change and are, in some cases, outside the planned programme.

| Year | Terms 1 & 2 | Term 3 & 4 | Terms 5 & 6 |
|------|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 6 | | Ducks Challenge | |
| 7 | Meet the professionals | STEM challenge | |
| 8 | | | Build a business |
| 9 | Y9 pathways | Eyes on the Prize | |
| 10 | Meet the professionals | Sports careers workshops | Post 16 taster sessions FE college visits |
| 11 | Careers interviews | Apprenticeship workshops | Parents information evenings |

5. Granting and refusing access to providers

- 5.1 Access will be provided based on meeting the following criteria:
- Adequate rooms and equipment is available, based on existing timetable and letting commitments;

- Staff are available to attend, take account of participant numbers and teaching timetables and ensure DBS regulations are met;
- Students are available to attend, depending on the dates requested and curriculum considerations;
- Providers offer impartial, unbiased and high quality content meeting equal opportunity requirements;
- Providers are GDPR compliant.

6. Safeguarding

- 6.1 Thomas Deacon Academy is committed to keeping children safe and our Safeguarding and 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 which is available on our website.

7. Premises and facilities

- 7.1 Classrooms and meeting rooms can be made available for discussions between providers and students depending on the activity. AV and other specialist equipment can be supplied to support provider presentations. This would be discussed and agreed in advance of a visit.