



Thornhill Academy

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 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.

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8-13 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.

Management of provider access requests

Providers wishing to request access should contact

Gemma Crane, Careers Lead, Telephone: 01915007981; Email: crane.g@thornhillacademy.com

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers. The main events include:

Autumn Term: Careers Convention, Building My Skills, Year 11 Parents Evening

Spring Term: Earn to Live, Enterprise Day

Summer Term: College Taster Days, KS3 Parents Evenings, Pathways Evening

Assembly and tutor group opportunities, small group sessions and lunchtime sessions can be planned into the program throughout the year. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The Academy will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The Academy 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 or a member of their team. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature to be displayed in the Careers Office, which is managed by the Careers Leader. The Careers Office is available to all students at lunch and break times.

Approval and review

Approved [date] by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee

Next review: [date]

Signed: [name] Chair of Governors [name] Head teacher