

Southend YMCA Community School –Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to 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 10-12 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;
- to understand how to make a applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for pupils during Years 10-11. For pupils in Year 12, particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- share information about both the provider and the approved technical education qualification and apprenticeships that the provider offers
- explain what career routes those options could lead to
- provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider (including the opportunity to meet staff and pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils. Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Previous providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- South Essex College
- USP
- Writtle College
- Southend Adult Community College
- Central Hairdressing Academy

Last year our Year 11 pupils move to a range of providers in the local area after school:

- South Essex College
- USP
- Southend United Football Club
- Chase High School

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Jean Holmes, Careers Lead,
jeanholmes@ymca.southend.sch.uk

Opportunities for Access

The school offers the provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers. Please speak to our Careers Lead to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Year 10	Visits from local FE providers
Year 11	• visits from local FE providers and the opportunity for campus visit(s) • information on post 16 provider open evenings • meetings with careers adviser • post 16 applications • information on apprenticeships
Year 12	• Visits from local FE providers and the opportunity for campus visit(s) • meetings with careers adviser • small group sessions on future education, training and employment options

Premises and facilities

The school will make facilities available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available any specialist equipment to support provider applications. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Lead or a member of the school team.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the school.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk.

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