The BRIDGE SCHOOL

Provider Access Policy Statement

2025-2028

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

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 7 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.

Student entitlement

All students in Years 7 to 11 at The Bridge 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

Management of Provider Access Requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact: Graham Dodd, Careers Leader.
Telephone | 01928 581301 - 07342066810
Email | graham.dodd@thebridge.halton.sch.uk

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:

- Inspiration / Informational Assemblies – Employers / FE Colleges / Training providers / Day Provision
- Tutor group opportunities

- Employability Skills Careers Event
- Transition sessions
- Work experience preparation sessions
- Parental information events
- Employer talks / hands on activities

Please speak to The Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Granting and refusing access

The school's policies on Safeguarding and Visitors set out the school's approach to allowing providers into school, as visitors, to talk to our students.

Safeguarding

The school Safeguarding Children in Education 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.

Premises and facilities

The school will make rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader.

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

Links to other policies

- Safeguarding Children in Education Policy
- Curriculum Policy
- Careers Education & Guidance Policy

Monitoring arrangements

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers are monitored by Graham Dodd, Careers Leader. This policy will be reviewed, and Approved, by the Management Committee every three years.

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