



Lakelands

Academy

Provider Access Policy

Next Review Spring 2024

Introduction

This policy statement sets out Lakeland Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students 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 obligation under section 42B of the Education Act 1997

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8 to 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.

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for year 8 to 9 pupils and two encounters for year 10 to 11 pupils.

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 using the [Making it meaningful checklist](#).

Previous providers

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

- AICO
- SBC training
- Shrewsbury Colleges Group
- Wrexham Glyndwr University

Destinations of our pupils

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

- Thomas Adams Sixth Form
- Shrewsbury Colleges Group

- RAF
- Harper Adams University

Opportunities for Access

A number of events, as part of the school careers programme, will offer providers with an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers:

<u>Year group</u>	<u>Autumn Term</u>	<u>Spring Term</u>	<u>Summer term</u>
<u>Year 7</u>	Extended PSHEE – LMI investigations	Apprenticeship week assembly Extended PSHEE -Maths in the workplace	Extended PSHEE – English in the Workplace and meet apprentices
<u>Year 8</u>	Extended PSHEE – LMI investigations and meet an apprentice	Apprenticeship week assembly Extended PSHEE -Maths in the workplace	Extended PSHEE – English in the Workplace
<u>Year 9</u>	Careers networking event – LMI investigations	Apprenticeship week assembly Extended PSHEE -Maths in the workplace	Meet apprentices at AICO Day Experience at AICO Extended PSHEE – English in the Workplace
<u>Year 10</u>	Careers networking event	Extended PSHEE -Maths in the workplace Apprenticeship week assembly Assembly guest speakers Work Pays – T Levels and Apprenticeships	Assembly guest speakers Extended PSHEE – English in the Workplace
<u>Year 11</u>	Careers networking event Work Pays- Apprenticeships Assembly guest speakers from local providers	Extended PSHEE -Maths in the workplace Assembly guest speakers Work pays – T. Levels and apprenticeships	

Please speak to our named careers leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. The school policy on safeguarding [here](#) outlines the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

Management of Provider Access Requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact: Mrs V Wilkinson, Careers Leader.

Telephone: 01691 622543

Email: vicky.wilkinson2@taw.org.uk

Premises and Facilities

With due notice the school will be able to make the main sports hall, school hall or private meeting room available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also be able to make specialist equipment to support the provider in their presentation where possible. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader. 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 reception and this will be directed to the careers section in the library, they are also handed out to tutor groups and are available in the reception area.

Complaints:

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