

Sandwell Academy

Provider Access Policy

Introduction

The policy statement sets out the School'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 obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023.

Student entitlement

All students in Year-7~~3~~ are entitled:

- x To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of the careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options at each transition point;
- x To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships, through assembly talks, information sessions and at our annual careers fair;
- x To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses (first key phase)

- x two encounters for year 7
- x two encounters for year 8

For pupils in year 12 to 13, parents will be given two encounters available during the year.

These provider encounters will be given a reasonable amount of time to:

- x share information about their education and apprenticeship opportunities that they offer;
- x

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x NOVATraining x Ask Apprenticeships x Birmingham City University x University of Birmingham x Aston University x Coventry University x Juniper Training x Uniconnect (previously Aspire) x Inspirational Learning Group x AimHigher Programme x Skills UK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x PwC x DooceyGroup x Keltruck x PinsettMason x Vinci x Sandwell Council x Crowe UK x The West Brom x Lovell x AA x A & M EDM x West Midlands Ambulance
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Destinations of our pupils (2023 leavers)

Last year, our year 11 students moved to a range of providers

Destination	Percentage of Year Group
Sandwell Academy Sixth Form	46.0%

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Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law as well as a large number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. An overview of this programme can be seen in the [Careers Curriculum](#) page on the school website.

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/careers. Please speak to the Careers Department to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The School will make the School's Theatre, Sports Hall, Careers Department or the Conference room available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The School will also make available 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 the Careers Team.

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