

Stretford High School



Provider Access Policy Statement 2023-2024

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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to Stretford High School students 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 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 pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11).

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. 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 years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils during our careers and pathways events:

- The Manchester College
- Trafford College Group
- Salford City College
- Loreto Sixth form College
- Connell Co-op college
- Xaverian College
- Unity Radio / Manchester United Foundation/L&Q (formerly Trafford Housing Trust)
- The Growth Company
- UA92

Any other providers of post 16/18 education and training are welcome to contact our Careers Leader, Helen Adshead via hadshead@stretfordhigh.com or careersencounters@stretfordhigh.com for information on forthcoming events.

Management of provider access requests and Opportunities for access.

Procedure:

A provider wishing to request access should contact;
Helen Adshead, Careers Lead
hadshead@stretfordhigh.com
0161 876 1850 (ext 7358)

Our school offers the four 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 (during the school day) to speak to pupils and also hold some evening events where providers can also speak to parents or carers.

Below is our standard year of pathways related events. Stretford High school welcomes opportunities for support from providers and business professionals. Please speak to our Careers Lead to identify the most suitable opportunity for you:

	AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
KS3	Students research a range of careers and labour market information, identify their strengths & interests and develop soft skills relevant to the world of work in Careers lessons; providers are welcome to support		
	Employer encounter opportunities for pupils, supported by local providers (ongoing through the academic year)		

	Preparation for GCSE Options subjects choice, including Year 9 Options subject information evening, providers are welcome to support		
		STEM Exhibition, providers are welcome to support	
KS3/4	Careers MarketPlace event (Years 9, 10 & 11) Employers and Post 16 providers invited to support		
KS4	Post 16 provider visits to school to share information about academic and vocational routes, including apprenticeships		Work experience week (Y10 students)
	Meetings with Careers Advisor on post 16 applications		Mock interviews (Y10 students)
	Employer encounter opportunities for pupils, supported by local providers (ongoing through the academic year)		

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school 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.

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 Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the Careers Lead within the school's library. The Resource Centre is available to all pupils at lunch and break times.

Safeguarding

The school's safeguarding policy outlines the procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors. Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

Monitoring and Review Arrangements

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students are monitored by the.

This policy will be reviewed by Careers Lead, Helen Adshead annually.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the Board of Governors.

Complaints:

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