



Provider Access Policy Statement:

Introduction:

This policy statement sets out Oaklands School's method of for organising the access of providers into school for the purpose of sharing information about the provider's educational courses and/or their training offer. This complies with our legal obligation as a school under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and the Technical and Further Education Act 2017, the Bakers Clause 2018 and Skills and Post 16 Education Act 2022.

Our cohort of students all have complex, severe and profound learning difficulties. However, we will aim to make our career offer as inclusive and meaningful to the students so we can increase their independence and outcomes of success as much as possible.

Oaklands School is working towards achieving all of the eight Gatsby Benchmarks to use them to inform our planning for our Careers, Education, Information, Guidance and Advice Programme.

Student's Provision:

All students from Y8 to Y14 are entitled and exposed to:

- Six encounters with providers of technical education and apprenticeships from Y8 to Y13.
- Two encounters for students during the first key phase of Y8 and Y9.
- Two encounters for students during the second key phase of Y10 and Y11.
- Two encounters for students during the third key phase of Y12 and Y13.
- Students throughout Sixth Form are given opportunities of external work experience with a range of employers which can lead to a potential employment opportunity. The school are exploring options that are inclusive and meaningful for the younger cohort of students.

- Technical education providers and Apprenticeships are invited through a range of different events such as Careers' Fairs, Assemblies, Taster Days etc which the students will participate in.
- Students will take an active role in learning how to put themselves forward for career opportunities and courses through our Careers Curriculum and with access to Careers Guidance and Counselling.

Management of Provider Access Requests:

A provider wishing to provide access should contact Alexander Jones (Career's Lead and Assistant Headteacher.)

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Phone- 02085603569

Opportunities for Access:

A range of events and occasions will be built into the school's career programme and calendar that will offer providers the opportunity to come and into school to speak to the students; as well parents, carers and teachers. Providers should contact our Career's Lead, whose contact information is above, to clarify appropriate opportunities for visiting the school.

Premises and Facilities:

The School will make classrooms, equipment and other appropriate spaces available for providers, dependent on what activities have been discussed and agreed with the School to take place with the students. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of literature and prospectus with the school.

Safeguarding Policy:

Oaklands School's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy can be found on the School's website.