

Liberty Academy Trust Provider Access Policy Statement

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Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as of 2 January 2018, we have a duty to provide pupils in years 8-13 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

What are pupils entitled to?

Pupils must be allowed to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs pupils of the full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities on offer, for example, technical education and apprenticeships – this can be achieved through options evenings, assemblies, group discussions, and taster events.
- Understand how to apply to the full range of academic and technical courses available to them.

Who handles our access requests?

Any provider wishing to request access should contact Mrs Rachel Whitehurst

What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?

Via our school careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the school year to speak to pupils and/or their parents. Our annual schedule of events is as follows:

Year Group	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 8		National Careers Week National Apprenticeship Week	Careers Fair STEM Fair
Year 9	Careers Curriculum – Choosing KS4 Options	National Careers Week National Apprenticeship Week	Careers Fair STEM Fair

Year 10	Careers Curriculum - Career Planning	National Careers Week National Apprenticeship Week	Careers Fair
Year 11	Assembly about opportunities at 16	National Careers Week National Apprenticeship Week	Careers Curriculum – Labour Market

Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

Providers can speak to Mrs Rachel Whitehurst to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

Our Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedure set out the school's approach to allowing providers into school to speak to our pupils.

What can providers expect once a request has been accepted?

Once we have approved a provider, we will work with them to identify the best method for providing access to our pupils.

We will make the school hall, classrooms, and private meeting rooms available to host discussions between providers and pupils. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors available to providers.

Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our career's leader and a nominated member of the provider's team.

Can providers leave prospectuses for pupils to read?

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with the school admin team who will ensure that they are placed in the school library.