



Strood Academy

Provider Access Policy

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1. Aims

This policy statement aims to set out our academy's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students for the purpose of giving them information about their offer.

It sets out:

- Procedures in relation to requests for access
- The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access
- Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

2. Statutory requirements

Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in years 8 to 13 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.

Schools must also have a policy statement that outlines the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to these students.

This is outlined in section 42B of the [Education Act 1997](#).

This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements.

3. Student entitlement

All students in years 8 to 13 at Strood Academy are entitled to:

- Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of our careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point

- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses

4. Management of provider access requests

4.1 Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Assistant Principal.

Telephone: 01634 717121

Email: info@stroodacademy.org

4.2 Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into our careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers. We also envisage Employers or Employees delivering expertise and real world example in curriculum areas.

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Year 8	Big Event - Employers and Education show	Careers in the Curriculum Day Options Evening PSHE Sessions	Careers workshop College Assemblies
Year 9	ThinkForward – Business Mentoring Parents' Evening BIG Event	Careers in the Curriculum Day PSHE Sessions	ThinkForward Selection College Assemblies
Year 10	ThinkForward – Business Mentoring Careers Guidance Meetings Work Experience Parents' Evening BIG Event	Careers in the Curriculum Day Work Experience Curriculum Parents' Evening	LAT Careers Fair College Assemblies

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Year 11	ThinkForward – Business Mentoring PSHE Sessions Sixth Form Options Evening BIG Event	Careers in the Curriculum Day Apprentices Assembly	
Year 12	ThinkForward – Business Mentoring UCAS Sessions BIG Event	Assemblies PSHE Sessions	Career sessions related and assemblies
Year 13	ThinkForward – Business Mentoring UCAS Sessions	Assembly and small group opportunities - employability skills	Career sessions related and assemblies

In addition to the above, a Careers Advisor is available at Parents' Evenings.

4.3 Granting and refusing access

Access to students via these events must be approved by the Principal.

4.4 Safeguarding

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

4.5 Premises and facilities

The Academy will endeavour to make accommodation and resources available for discussions between provider and students, as appropriate to the activity and timing. This will be discussed with the appropriate staff and agreed with the Principal in advance of the visit. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus, course literature, or other information at Reception for the use of our Careers Advisor.

5. Links to other policies

The Academies Safeguarding Policy can be found on our website and sets out the school's approach to visitors on site. These requirements and procedures must be followed prior and during any visit.

6. Monitoring arrangements

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