

Welland Park Academy provider access policy statement

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 we have a duty to provide pupils in Years 7-11 with access to providers of 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 in Years 7 to 11 are entitled 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.

All pupils in Years 7 to 11 will receive at least four encounters with accredited providers of technical education and apprenticeships. These encounters will be divided accordingly:

- During the first key phase (Year 7 to Year 9) all pupils must attend two mandatory sessions by accredited providers
- During the second key phase (Year 10 and 11) all pupils must attend two mandatory sessions by accredited providers

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.

These sessions will be scheduled during the school's main opening hours.

The school offers the four provider encounters that are legally required – these are marked with bold text below – and a number of additional events.

Our annual schedule of events is as follows:

| | Autumn | Spring | Summer |
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| Year 7 | External Speaker- Varies Each Year and will take place in assembly or Citizenship | | |
| Year 8 | External Speaker- Varies Each Year and will take place in assembly or Citizenship | | |
| Year 9 | External Speaker- Varies Each Year and will take place in assembly or Citizenship | Year 9 Interview Days | External Speaker- Varies Each Year and will take place in assembly or Citizenship |

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| Year 10 | Careers Fair (Bi-annual) | External Speaker- Varies Each Year and will take place in assembly or Citizenship | Work Experience- Some employers have visited students in school prior to placements |
| Year 11 | Year 11 Interview Days Careers Fair (Bi-annual) | Post 16 Assemblies | External Speaker- Varies Each Year and will take place in assembly or Citizenship |

During these sessions, at a minimum, providers will be given enough time to:

- Share information about the provider and the approved technical qualifications and apprenticeships they offer.
- Explain what career routes these qualifications and apprenticeships could lead to.
- Provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider.
- Answer pupils' questions.

Which providers have previously been invited to the school?

In previous terms and academic years, the school has invited the following providers to speak to pupils:

- Nottingham Trent University
- Loughborough College
- Robert Smyth Academy Sixth Form
- Moulton College
- NWSLC - North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College
- Leicestershire Police
- Beauchamp City Sixth Form
- Leicester College
- Loughborough University
- Ashland
- Harborough District Council
- Nicola Moss Social Media Advice
- Market Harborough Medical Centre
- De Montfort University
- LOROS
- Stantec UK
- Market Harborough Medical Centre
- High Speed Two Limited
- SMB College Group
- The Bedford College Group
- Market Harborough Building Society
- Welland Valley Legal - Solicitors specialising in Wills, Powers of Attorney and Estates
- Royal Airforce, British Army and Royal Navy
- GSL Education
- Go Construct
- H.I.T Leadership
- Willmott Dixon Construction

- CDS Global
- TGW
- Wincanton
- GXO
- WQE COLLEGE
- NHS
- British Army
- Future Elite Sports and many more.

Last year, our Year 11 pupils moved on to a range of providers in the local area after finishing school. These included 26 different destinations in 2024 along with 5 students taking up apprenticeships.

Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

Providers can speak to our careers leader, Sam Askham to discuss possible attendance at relevant events. askhams@wellandparkacademy.com

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy sets 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 Octagonal Hall, classrooms and meeting rooms available to host discussions between providers and pupils. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors and interactive whiteboards, available to providers.

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

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with the Careers Advisor Sarah Hix at the school library.

How are complaints regarding provider access managed?

If you have a complaint relating to the school's provider access arrangements, you can raise it in line with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy or you can contact The Careers and Enterprise Company directly on provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk.

Approval and review

This policy statement was approved by the governors September 2024.

The next review will take place on September 2025.

Signed: _____ Chair of governors

Signed: _____ Principal