



Provider Access Policy

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1. Introduction

This policy statement sets out the Fermain Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purposes 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.

2. Student Entitlement

Students in years 9-11 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 Careers events, assemblies and group discussions, visits and visiting speakers.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.
- To be able to make an informed choice about their post 16 career options.
- Students in years 12 and 13 also get ongoing support and targeted advice in relation to post-16 options and careers information.

3. Management of Provider Access Requests

Procedure

The Fermain Academy welcomes a wealth of providers into school as part of its educational and training offer. This may be arranging bespoke visits and sharing information with students or simply advertising courses, apprenticeships and education programmes through circulation of prospectus' and other promotional material. A provider wishing to request such access to school should contact the Careers Coordinator in the first instance:

Mark Robinson

Pastoral & Behavioural Head & Careers Coordinator

The Fermain Academy,

Macclesfield

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4. Opportunities for Access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers:

Year Group	Information
Year 9	<p>Life skills & PHSE Lessons, assembly and tutor group opportunities</p> <p>Visiting speakers from local Businesses/organisations as well as presentations from the Armed Forces, NHS and other large employers to raise student's awareness on career options</p> <p>All year 9, 10 & 11 students have access to the Start Careers Programme ensuring that they have wealth of career and vocational information they can access at all times. Each student has their own identified log in and have Careers Focussed inductions so they can easily access the programme</p>
Year 10	<p>Life skills & PHSE lessons, assembly and tutor group opportunities</p> <p>Visiting speakers from local Businesses/organisations as well as Armed Forces, NHS and other large employers to raise student's awareness on career options</p> <p>Work Placements established and sourced by the School Careers Coordinator giving students a taste of real-life work experience helping them with career options moving forward.</p> <p>All year 9, 10 & 11 students have access to the Start Careers Programme ensuring that they have wealth of career and vocational information they can access at all times. Each student has their own identified log in and have Career focussed inductions so they can easily access the programme</p>

<p>Year 11</p>	<p>Visiting speakers from local Businesses/organisations as well as Armed Forces, NHS and other large employers to raise student's awareness on career options</p> <p>National Citizen Service – Work with the North West local provider (Youth Federation) to promote this exciting opportunity for school leavers including year 11 workshop to all students to help promote – Individual application support to all students</p>
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	<p>All year 9, 10 & 11 students have access to the Start Careers Programme ensuring that they have wealth of career and vocational information they can access at all times. Each student has their own identified log in and have Careers Focussed inductions so they can easily access the programme</p> <p>Careers lessons for every year 11 class in school to help students with the subject of career exploration enabling all students to make an informed choice regarding their post 16 destination. Every Autumn Term Sept – Dec, weekly.</p> <p>Individual Careers session with School Careers Coordinator and qualified careers practitioner enabling all students to make an informed choice regarding their post 16 destination ensuring all students leave school with a positive destination helping reduce NEET</p> <p>All year 11 students attend the annual careers fair organised by Macclesfield pledge and attended by many local and national employers. This is hosted at different local venues, most recently Macclesfield College</p> <p>Work Placements established and sourced by the School Careers Coordinator giving students a taste of real life work experience helping them with career options moving forward</p> <p>Year 11 students who are in transition will also have the opportunity to attend a school careers surgery which takes place the week after GCSE results day. The careers coordinator makes himself available during the last 2 weeks of August to help meet the needs of young people and to help prevent NEET</p>

<p>Year 12 and 13</p>	<p>The School Careers Coordinator liaises with Cheshire East Youth Support Service and local training and further education providers to ensure a smooth transition for school leavers and those embarking on post 16 opportunities</p> <p>Quarterly follow up to track and monitor students who have left school as recommended by Ofsted. Information sharing where appropriate with post 16 providers</p> <p>Targeted ongoing support is offered by careers coordinator to students in these year groups who may require additional help and advise</p>
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Please speak to our named Careers Leader (Mark Robinson) to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

The school policy on safeguarding sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

5. Premises and Facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, 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. The Fermain Academy likes to expand this offer of working with all local employers and other local businesses to help benefit the needs of both students and the local community.