



POLICY STATEMENT ON PROVIDER ACCESS

FPTA Academics APPROVED 12TH DECEMBER 2017

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FPTA ACADEMIES TRUST
TECHNICAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION ACT 2017

PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to secondary pupils at schools within the Trust 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.

Student entitlement

Students in years 8-13 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 options evenings, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

DELEGATION

The management of Provider Access Requests is delegated to the Head Teacher of each secondary school within the Trust.

The monitoring of outcomes for students in Yrs 8 to 13 is delegated to the Local Governing Body

REVIEW

This policy statement will be reviewed every 5 years

Approval and review

Approved by TRUSTEES

Next review: *September 2022*

Signed: Chair of Trustees

Management of provider access requests

Suggested Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact *[Name]*, *[Job title]*,

Telephone: *[Telephone Number]*; Email: *[Email address]*

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:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Event for University Technical Colleges	Life skills – assembly and tutor group opportunities	Life skills – assembly and tutor group opportunities
Year 9	Event for University Technical Colleges 'Speed Networking' event with providers and employers	KS4 options event	
Year 10	Life Skills – work experience preparation sessions		Life skills – assembly and tutor group opportunities
Year 11	Life Skills – assembly on opportunities at 16	Post 16 evening Post 16 taster sessions	

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 12	Higher Education Fair Post 18 assembly – apprenticeships	Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options	Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options
Year 13	Workshops – HE and higher apprenticeship applications		

Please speak to our named Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

The school policy on safeguarding [\[link\]](#) sets out the school’s approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

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.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.