

OASIS ACADEMY LORD'S HILL

PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY



INTRODUCTION

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

This is sometimes referred to as The Baker Clause. Our Careers Programme is designed to ensure that our students develop universal skills as set out in the Skills for Jobs White Paper, making use of: local and national LMI; knowledge of and exposure to T-levels and apprenticeships and a skills-based Careers Curriculum with appropriate progression from year-to-year, linking to the CDI framework.

PUPIL ENTITLEMENT

All pupils in Years 8-11 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,
 - *Changes to the provider access legislation (January 2023) includes the **minimum requirement** to provide **six encounters during Years 8-11** (the first two in the "first key phase" of school, taking place any time during Year 8 or between September 1 and February 28 in Year 9. Another two 'encounters' must take place in the "second key phase," taking place any time during Year 10 or between September 1 and February 28 in Year 11)*
- to hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships –through options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events,
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

These changes are further to the minor updates that were made to this statutory guidance on 31 August 2022, following the commencement of the Education (Careers Guidance in Schools) Act 2022, which means that all schools and academies must now secure independent careers guidance for pupils in school Years 7 to 13. At Oasis Academy Lord's Hill every child in Year 9 and Year 11 will receive 1:1 career guidance within these academic years.

It is the role of Middle Leaders, as well as Senior Leaders, to ensure opportunities are available within curriculum areas in regards to those related to skills, further and higher education, and employment.

MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUESTS PROCEDURE

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS

A number of events, integrated into our localised Careers Programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into the Academy to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers.

Please speak to our Careers Leaders (included within the Provider Access Request above) to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

PREMISES AND FACILITIES

The Academy will make the Theatre, Agora, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The Academy 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 Lead, Careers Advisor or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature, which is managed by the Careers Advisor and School Librarian. The Library is available to all students during all break times and is accessed via the second-floor balcony.

APPROVAL AND REVIEW

Approved: **20 November 2023**

Next Review: **November 2024**

Signed:



Benjamin Bond
Principal