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Provider Access Policy Statement

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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the Academy 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.

Student Entitlement

All students 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;
- 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.

All pupils in Years 8 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 8 to Year 9) all pupils must attend two mandatory sessions by accredited providers.
- during the second key phase (Years 10 and 11) all pupils must attend two mandatory sessions by accredited providers

Management of Provider Access Requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact Sharmaine Perrin (sperrin@q3langley.org.uk) who are responsible for CEIAG at Q3 Langley. Q3 Langley will make the Performance Theatre, classrooms and other meeting rooms available for discussions between providers and students, as appropriate to the activity. The Academy will also make available specialist equipment, where available, to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Leader.

Opportunities for Access

At Q3 Langley, we welcome input into our CEIAG provision from employers, employees, Universities, Apprenticeship and Further Education providers. Our connections include former students; parents/carers; local employers; sixth form and college providers.

We have a number of events, integrated into our CEIAG programme, which will offer providers an opportunity to come into the Academy to speak to students and parents/carers. We accept online live encounters too.

Please speak to Sharmaine Perrin to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. Outside agencies are invited to support the curriculum in all subject areas, including enrichment. Some examples of providers include Connexions; performance poets; actors; motivational speakers; college/sixth form student officers; apprenticeship recruitment officers.

Other opportunities include our Careers Fair at Pathways Evening; Mock interviews for Year 10; Work experience for Year 10; Enrichment weeks when pupils in KS3 and KS4 receive career focused workshops and assemblies.

Granting and Refusing Access

We will always try to grant access wherever possible but may refuse based on the following criteria. Please note this list is not exhaustive and each request will be considered on a case by case basis.

- Nature of the request from provider
- The needs of the students
- The needs of the curriculum
- Number of requests received from provider
- Number of requests received for a particular cohort of students
- Timing of the academic day
- Availability in our calendar
- Quality of previous interactions with our students
- Failure to pass safeguarding checks
- Safety of our pupils, staff and visitors (especially in relation to the coronavirus pandemic).

Mercian Trust's policy on safeguarding sets out the Academy approach to allowing providers into the Academy as visitors to talk to our students. Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy. <http://www.q3langleley.org.uk/policies/>

List of Destinations

- School Sixth Form
- Sixth Form College
- Further Education
- Higher Education
- Other post 16 education
- Apprenticeships
- Study Programme
- Re-engagement
- Seeking employment - education or training only

Complaints Procedure

Mercian Trust's policy on complaints sets out the Academy approach. Please follow this link for more information relating to our procedure. <http://www.q3langleley.org.uk/policies/>