



THE HOLLINS

**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.

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;
- to hear about a range of local providers on 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.

Management of provider access requests procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mr. James Ainsworth, the school's Careers Coordinator, on (01254) 233500 or at ainsworthj@thehollins.com.

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:

- An annual Careers Fair, held in October of each year, where providers and employers are invited to meet with pupils from Years 9 – 11;
- An annual Career Exploration day for Year 7, with the input of local employers, providers and other key stakeholders;
- An annual Work Related Learning Day for Year 10
- Drop-in surgeries and presences at lunchtimes and events (such as Options Evenings and Parent Evenings).

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

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 Coordinator. Providers are welcome to leave prospectuses or relevant course or event literature which will be displayed in visible locations in the Covered Way and noticeboards on the main corridor. Additionally, prospectuses are available to all students in the Library at lunch and break times.