

## **Pix Brook Academy Provider Access Statement**

### **Introduction**

This statement sets out Pix Brook Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purpose of giving them information about other 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 7-11 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 including apprenticeships.

**For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11).**

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- share information about both the provider and the approved technical education qualification and apprenticeships that the provider offers
- explain what career routes those options could lead to
- provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider (including the opportunity to meet staff and pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

### **Meaningful provider encounters**

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the [Making it meaningful checklist](#).

Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

## **Procedure**

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Nicola McGuigan – Careers Lead  
Telephone: 01462 622300  
Email: [nmcguigan@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:nmcguigan@bestacademies.org.uk)

Link Governor - Jenny Beach

## **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. We always welcome opportunities to extend the understanding about the different routes and pathways for our pupils and as such welcome a range of providers to events.

## **Premises and facilities**

The school will make a suitable space available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available ICT and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Advisor or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Advisor so that they can be displayed in the Careers section of the school library.

## **Complaints:**

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via - [provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk](mailto:provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk)

## **Approval and review**

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