

# Provider Access Policy



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## 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 7-13 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 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 Simon Beal (Assistant Principal) Email: [sbeal@thedustonschool.org](mailto:sbeal@thedustonschool.org)

### Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school curriculum, assembly and careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers:

<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Summer Term</b>
Year 7	Careers drop in sessions	Careers drop in sessions	Careers drop in sessions 1:1 impartial guidance for referred pupils Whole school Careers Fair
Year 8	Careers drop in sessions	Careers drop in sessions 1:1 guidance for referred pupils	Careers drop in sessions Whole school Careers Fair
Year 9	Careers drop in sessions	Careers drop in sessions 1:1 guidance for referred pupils KS4 options assembly and Options Evening event	Careers drop in sessions Whole school Careers Fair
Year 10	Careers drop in sessions	Careers drop in sessions	Careers drop in sessions Whole school Careers Fair

Year 11	<p>Careers drop in sessions</p> <p>1:1 interview with independent Career Adviser</p> <p>Assembly program to cover post 16 and post 18 options</p> <p>Open Events for University Technical Colleges advertised.</p>	<p>Careers drop in sessions</p> <p>Post-16 evening</p> <p>Follow up 1:1 interviews</p> <p>Post-16 taster sessions</p>	<p>Careers drop in sessions</p> <p>Whole school Careers Fair</p>
6 <sup>th</sup> Form	<p>Workshops – HE and higher apprenticeship applications</p> <p>Business breakfast with local business providers</p>		<p>Careers drop in sessions</p> <p>Whole school Careers Fair</p>

Please speak to our Events Co-ordinator, Ashley Elliott ([aelliott@thedustonschool.org](mailto:aelliott@thedustonschool.org)) who will 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.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre in the Library. The Resource Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.

### **Employer Engagement – Help us to help you**

We know that employers in the UK have concerns about skills gaps and the work-readiness of some young people.

The Duston School is a member of the [SEMLEP Careers and Enterprise Network](#), part of the national [Careers and Enterprise Company](#) programme.

Our aim is that through employer engagement at all ages, we ensure that young people leave our school with the skills, competencies, knowledge, appropriate qualifications and attitudes needed by employers for both their own career development and economic sustainability and growth.

### **We need your help**

We are looking for passionate employers from businesses and other organisations to help our students and thus shape the future workforce and bring the world of work to life for the next generation.

The following high impact activities are used to work in partnership with businesses to help our students prepare for the world of work:

- Employer Talks
- Business site visits
- Mentoring
- Enterprise activities
- Work experience and job shadowing
- Mock interviews and CV preparation