

Policy Statement on Provider Access			
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1. Eastern Education Group Provider Access Policy

1.1. Introduction

This policy statement sets out the Colleges arrangements for managing the access of providers to the Colleges 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.

1.2. Pupil Entitlement

All pupils in years 8 to 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.

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). **For pupils in the ‘third key phase’ (year 12 to 13), particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.**

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2. Management of provider access requests

- 2.1. A provider wishing to request access should contact Nadine Payne, Group Director of Careers, Opportunities and Progression at nadine.payne@easterneducationgroup.ac.uk

3. Opportunities for access

- 3.1. The colleges offer a range of encounters integrated into the careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into college to speak to students or their parents or carers.
- 3.2. Please speak to our Director of Careers, Opportunities and Progression to identify the most suitable opportunities available.

4. Premises and facilities

- 4.1. The Colleges will make facilities available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The College 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 Group Director of Careers, Opportunities and Progression or a member of their team.
- 4.2. Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.
- 4.3. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Hubs and Learning Resource Centres which are always available to all students.

5. Complaints

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the college complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via

provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

Revision History – Policy name

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