

Meadow High School provider access policy statement

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 we have a duty to provide pupils in Years 8-13 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

What are pupils entitled to?

Pupils in Years 8 to 13 are entitled to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs pupils of the full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities on offer, for example, technical education and apprenticeships – this can be achieved through options evenings, assemblies, group discussions, and taster events.
- Understand how to apply to the full range of academic and technical courses available to them.

All pupils in Years 8 to 13 will receive at least six 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 (Year 10 and 11) all pupils must attend two mandatory sessions by accredited providers
- During the third key phase (Year 12 and Year 13) there will two sessions by accredited providers – these will be optional for pupils to attend

[Updated] What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?

Via our school careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the school year to speak to pupils and/or their parents.

[New] These sessions will be scheduled during the school's main opening hours.

[New] The school offers the six provider encounters that are legally required – these are marked with bold text below – and a number of additional events.

Our annual schedule of events is as follows:

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 8			
Year 9			

Year 10			
Year 11			
Year 12			
Year 13			

[New] During these sessions, at a minimum, providers will be given enough time to:

- Share information about the provider and the approved technical qualifications and apprenticeships they offer.
- Explain what career routes these qualifications and apprenticeships could lead to.
- Provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider.
- Answer pupils' questions.

[New] Which providers have previously been invited to the school?

In previous terms and academic years, the school has invited the following providers to speak to pupils:

- Name of provider
- Name of provider

Last year, our Year 11 pupils moved on to a range of providers in the local area after finishing school. **[Include some statistics on pupil destinations].**

Last year, our Year 13 pupils moved on to a range of providers in the local area after finishing school. **[Include some statistics on pupil destinations].**

Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

Providers can speak to our careers leader, Aggie Fabisch, to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy **[you may wish to link to this policy]** sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school to speak to our pupils.

What are the rules for granting and refusing access requests?

We will grant access requests that meet the following criteria:

- Providers share all presentation and materials at least 2 weeks in advance of any potential visit
- All material to be electronically shown to pupils must be emailed to the school
- The providers content is in an appropriate range for Meadow High School pupils
- The providers content is not extremist, inappropriate or inflammatory (the school leadership will deem what they believe to be extremist, inappropriate or inflammatory for Meadow High School pupils)
- At least one member of Meadow High School staff is present during all interactions with pupils

We will refuse any access request that:

- Is linked to any form of extreme of prejudicial view or where the provider has acted inappropriately during the consultation/arrangement period
- Falls outside the appropriate range for Meadow High School pupils
- Where checks have given any cause for concern that has not been suitably addressed by the provider

What can providers expect once a request has been accepted?

Once we have approved a provider, we will work with them to identify the best method for providing access to our pupils.

We will make the school hall, classrooms and private meeting rooms available to host discussions between providers and pupils. We will also make presentation equipment available to providers. NB The school will not allow providers pen drives etc to be used.

Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our careers leader and a nominated member of the provider's team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with the school librarian at the school library.

[New] How are complaints regarding provider access managed?

If you have a complaint relating to the school's provider access arrangements, you can raise it in line with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy or you can contact The Careers and Enterprise Company directly on provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk.

Approval and review

This statement will be reviewed annually. The next review will take place on January 2026.

Signed: _____ Chair of Governors

Date:

Signed: _____ Headteacher

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