



Provider Access Policy

2020-2021

1. Introduction

This policy statement sets out Avonbourne Academies' arrangements for managing access of providers to students here for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the Academies' legal obligations under section 42B of the Education Act 1997 as amended by the Technical and Further Education Act 2017 (specifically concerning year 8-13 students).

This policy relations to:

- Avonbourne Boys' Academy
- Avonbourne Girls' Academy
- United Sixth Form

2. Student entitlement:

All students in year 8-13 are entitled to:

- Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options events, assemblies and groups discussions and taster events
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

3. Management of provider access requests:

Any provider wishing you have access should contact the following member of staff:

Name & Job Title	Kathryn Loughnan, Lead for Careers & Enterprise
Telephone Number	01202 398451
Email	kathryn.loughnan@avonbourneacademy.org.uk

Events will be integrated into the Academies careers education programme and will offer providers an opportunity to come into Avonbourne Academies to speak to students and or their parents. The events are usually arranged well in advance, so it is essential that providers contact us early in the academic year to be involved in our planning. It will also be possible to hold online events if social distancing restrictions are in place at the time.

The Lead for Careers and Enterprise is responsible for liaising with providers and ensuring that they have suitable opportunities for student/parent contact.

Access to students and/or parents will be granted on the understanding that information and guidance offered by providers is related to **technical courses** and **apprenticeship opportunities** only. Providers will be expected to meet the Trust's safeguarding requirements which can be found in the Safeguarding Policy Statement accessible on the Trust's website.

4. Premises and facilities

Avonbourne Academies will make the sports hall, theatre workshop and classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. Avonbourne Academies will also make available projectors and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit/event with the Lead for Careers and Enterprise.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Reception, which will be added to our Careers Hub.