



# Policy Statement on Provider Access

*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble"  
(46 Psalm 1-3)*

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## Introduction

This document 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 and current Department for Education statutory guidance.

## Pupil entitlement

Pupils in Years 8 to 11 at Saint John Wall Catholic School are entitled to a minimum of two encounters with education and training providers in Years 8–9 and two encounters in Years 10–11. These encounters will be mandatory for pupils of compulsory school age and are designed to ensure that all pupil:

- 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 group discussions and taster events;
- understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Access to providers is delivered in an impartial manner and does not favour one route over another, whether academic or technical.

## Management of provider access requests

### Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Careers Leader:

Telephone: 0121 554 1825

Email: [careers@sjw.bham.sch.uk](mailto:careers@sjw.bham.sch.uk)

### Opportunities for access

The school offers a comprehensive Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance programme and an overview of this programme is published on the school website.

Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

The school will make a suitable space available for discussions between the provider and pupils, 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 Leader or a member of their team.

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

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(This policy will remain in force beyond the review date if no updates are required)