



The Rudheath  
Senior Academy

## Provider Access Policy

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## **1. AIMS**

- 1.1 This policy statement aims to set out our school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students for the purpose of giving them information about their offer.
- 1.2 It sets out:
  - 1.2.1 Procedures in relation to requests for access.
  - 1.2.2 The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access.
  - 1.2.3 Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access.

## **2. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

- 2.1 Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in years 8 to 13 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.
- 2.2 Schools must also have a policy statement that outlines the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to these students. This is outlined in section 42B of the Education Act 1997.
- 2.3 This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements.

## **3. STUDENT ENTITLEMENT**

- 3.1 All students in years 8 to 11 at The Rudheath Senior Academy are entitled to:
  - 3.1.1 Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of our careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point.
  - 3.1.2 Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships.
  - 3.1.3 Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

## **4. MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUESTS**

- 4.1 A provider wishing to request access should contact Lucy Heaton, Careers and Destinations Coordinator. Telephone: 01606 42515. Email: [lheaton@rudheathsenioracademy.org.uk](mailto:lheaton@rudheathsenioracademy.org.uk) / [admin@rudheathsenioracademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@rudheathsenioracademy.org.uk)

## 5. PREMISES AND FACILITIES

- 5.1 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 Academy 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 with the Deputy Head Teacher or a member of their team.
- 5.2 Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Learning Resource Centre.

## 6. OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS

- 6.1 A number of events, integrated into our careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers:

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
<b>Year 8</b>	<i>Assemblies for colleges and other providers</i>	<i>Parents evening</i>	<i>PSHCE lesson – as part of life skills</i>
<b>Year 9</b>	<i>Assemblies for colleges and other providers</i>	<i>Key Stage 4 options event Parents Evening</i>	<i>PSHCE lesson – as part of life skills</i>
<b>Year 10</b>	<i>Parents evening</i>	<i>PSHCE lesson – as part of life skills</i>	<i>Aspirational futures post-16 taster sessions</i>
<b>Year 11</b>	<i>Assemblies for colleges and other providers  Assemblies on post-16 opportunities Parents evening</i>	<i>Apprenticeships – support with applications</i>	

- 6.2 Please speak to our named provider access contact to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.
- 6.3 Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.
- 6.4 Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.