

Wilson's School: Provider Access Policy

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to 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.

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.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- share information about both the provider and the approved technical education qualification and apprenticeships that the provider offers
- explain what career routes those options could lead to
- provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider (including the opportunity to meet staff and pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the

Previous providers

In previous terms we have invited the providers from Higher Education and companies that offer apprenticeships.

Destinations of our pupils

Last year nearly all of our year 11 pupils stayed at Wilson's to continue A Levels study. Those that left continued to study A Levels at other local schools.

Last year nearly all of our year 13 pupils left to study a degree at a UK or international university. Those that did not normally intend to have a gap year before doing so. A small number of students opt to study degree apprenticeships.

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact

Years 7-11: Mr E McLaughlin (Work Related Learning)

egm@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk

Years 12-13: Mr J Lawton (Templeton Head of Higher Education & Careers)

jl@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers. Please speak to our Careers Leaders to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

The school will make the JJ Hall, assembly venues, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leaders.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Room and 6th Form Study Area.

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school 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 Careers Leaders or a member of their team.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature.

Complaints

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

Approval and review

The policy has been overseen by the link trust board member for careers. It is reviewed annually.