

**Ridgeway Secondary School Provider Access Statement**

**Introduction**

This statement sets out the school’s arrangements for managing the access of providers to the school to give 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 11 are entitled:

• to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers program 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). 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 Making it meaningful checklist. Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.



Previous providers in previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

Gloucester University

South and City College

DWP

 Alcester Grammar School

North Bromsgrove High School

Worcester Apprenticeships

**Destinations of our pupils**

 • Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

 Saint Augustines High School and Sixth form

Worcester Sixth Form College

Trinity High School and Sixth Form

Stratford College

Hartpury College

Pershore College

Cadbury College

Arrow Vale High school

HOW college

Apprenticeships

Halesowen College



**Management of provider access requests**

A provider wishing to request access should contact Rebecca Dixon, Careers Officer, email: rdixon@rss.shiresmat.org.uk. Opportunities for access the school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text) and several additional events, integrated into the school careers program. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you

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|  | **Autumn Term** | **Spring Term** | **Summer Term** |
| **Year 8** |  | **Employer event for pupils – cafe style event for pupils to learn about local, regional and national opportunities and skills required** | **College talk****Worcester apprenticeships talk** |
| **Year 9** | **FE college talk** | **Options support meetings with careers advisor****Worcester apprenticeships** | **No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28th February if in year 9** |
| **Year 10** |  | **1:1 careers meetings****Post 16 technical education options – FE college** | **University taster session****Work experience** |
| **Year 11** | **FE college talks – T levels****Post 16 provider evening for pupils and parents****Worcester apprenticeship Workshop****1:1 guidance** |  | **No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28th February if in year 11. Confirmation of post 16 education and training for all pupils** |

**Premises and facilities**

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 be discussed and agreed on before the visit with the Careers Leader or a team member. Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that can provide live online engagement with our pupils. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all pupils at lunch and break times.

**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