



Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students 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. Ruskin High School Provider Access Policy complies with the changes to this legislation as from 1st January 2023.

Enabling encounters with further education (FE) and higher education (HE)

Student entitlement

Ruskin High School is committed to provide impartial careers information, advice and guidance for all its pupils. It is important for pupils to be able to make informed choices based on the full range of learning and training routes available to them.

The updated Provider Access Legislation specifies that schools must provide at least four (years 8 – 11) 'provider encounters' that take place during the school day. At Ruskin, we understand that it is these encounters that will help our pupils to understand and take up not just apprenticeships but also wider technical education options such as T levels.

Pupil Entitlement

Years 8 & 9 – Two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase'

These will take place any time during Year 8 and before February of Year 9.

Years 10 & 11 – Two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' that are mandatory for all pupils to attend.

These will take place any time during Year 10 or between 1st September and 28th February of Year 11.

The purpose:

- 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.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Shelley Whitefoot, Careers Lead: enquiries@ruskin.cheshire.sch.uk *FAO Shelley Whitefoot*

Opportunities for access

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

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 8	Careers assemblies – colleges, VI forms, NHS, Army – delivered through assembly time and PSHE drop-down days on a half-termly basis	Careers assemblies – colleges, VI forms, NHS, Army – delivered through assembly time and PSHE drop-down days on a half-termly basis	Careers assemblies – colleges, VI forms, NHS, Army – delivered through assembly time and PSHE drop-down days on a half-termly basis
Year 9	Options Assemblies – intro to EBacc Future Pathways assembly Local Careers Fair	Options Evening – CCSW, Reaseheath available for information and advice Careers in Science – Reaseheath College	Future Pathways assembly PSHCE focus – planning for the future (following FSQ completion)
Year 10	Careers Fair including LMI/Apprenticeship event Careers assemblies including 'Future Pathways' assembly – Higher Horizons Work Experience Week	NAW – Apprenticeship events – companies deliver workshops and information sessions University Taster Day Careers in Healthcare	Individual meetings with Careers Advisor CCSW taster days
Year 11	Post 16 provider open evenings and interviews, opportunities to visit colleges and VI forms Individual meeting with Careers Advisor Careers Fair	NAW – Apprenticeship events Individual meeting with Careers Advisor Assemblies – LMI focus Follow-up meetings with Careers Advisor where required Mock interviews for every student with local	Confirmation of post 16 destinations for all students

		employers/industry representatives.	
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Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

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 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 Leader or a member of their team.

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 students at lunch and break times.

Approval and review

Approved by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee, LME 16th June 2026
Next review: Summer Term 2027

Signed:



John Rhodes
Chair of Governors



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