

Wallington County Grammar School

Provider Access Statement

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Introduction

This policy statement 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.

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8-13 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 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.
- to develop their own online portfolio which will allow them to showcase key employability skills they are developing

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should in the first instance contact: Kelvin Meek at kmeek@wcgschool.co.uk

The school calendar varies from year to year and events are usually arranged well in advance so it is essential that providers contact us early in the academic year to be involved in our planning.

Providers will be expected to meet the school's safeguarding requirements which can be found in the Child Protection Policy, accessible on the school website.

Opportunities for Access

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

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7		How does a School work? Challenge Day which involves meeting a range of non-teaching staff including at least one who is currently undertaking an apprenticeship	
Year 8	Year 8 Form time: What different training paths are available apart from GCSEs and A Levels and university? ● Level 2	WCGS Careers Encounter allows encounters with a wide range of parents and alumni across a variety of sectors, including technical and apprenticeship providers.	Weekly Careers Newsletter contains regular information on apprenticeships

	apprenticeships and technical qualifications ● Level 3 apprenticeships and technical qualifications ● BTECs ● Degree Apprenticeships ● Difference between FE, HE Studio Schools, Sixth form colleges	University Fair provides encounters with universities offering degree apprenticeships Annual careers assembly contains ongoing focus on technical training routes Weekly Careers Newsletter contains regular information on apprenticeships	
Year 9	Wellbeing curriculum delivers relevant careers information through section on Living in the wider World	WCGS Careers Encounter allows encounters with a wide range of parents and alumni across a variety of sectors, including technical and apprenticeship providers. University Fair provides encounters with universities offering degree apprenticeships Annual careers assembly contains ongoing focus on technical training routes	
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Year 11	1:2:1 careers meetings with independent careers advisor Form Time: What technical training providers exist: FE colleges; ITPs; IoTs; UTCs; Studio schools. What are degree apprenticeships?	Wellbeing curriculum delivers relevant careers information through section on Living in the wider World WCGS Careers Encounter allows encounters with a wide range of parents and alumni across a variety of sectors, including technical and apprenticeship providers. University Fair provides encounters with universities offering degree apprenticeships Annual careers assembly contains ongoing focus on technical training routes Year 10 Virtual Work Experience Programme includes modules on Technical careers and training pathways	
Year 12	Weekly Career chats with Parents and Alumni, starting after October half term. A significant proportion of these contain information regarding apprenticeship programmes. Parents Information evening on all Post 18 options – university, technical education and degree apprenticeships	Weekly Career chats with Parents and Alumni, starting after October half term. A significant proportion of these contain information regarding apprenticeship programmes. Weekly Careers Newsletter contains regular information on apprenticeships University Fair provides encounters with universities offering degree apprenticeships	Wallington Works Week. A flexible work experience programme that allows a wide range of experiences of virtual and in-person the workplace. Workplace visits, where possible, will contain information about technical or apprenticeship training pathways. University and FE Open Days

		Annual careers assembly contains ongoing focus on technical training routes Independent careers interview available for Y12 students.	Independent careers interview available for Y12 students.
Year 13	Weekly Career chats with Parents and Alumni, starting after October half term. A significant proportion of these contain information regarding apprenticeship programmes. Support with those applying for vocational and apprenticeship courses	Weekly Career chats with Parents and Alumni, starting after October half term. A significant proportion of these contain information regarding apprenticeship programmes. Support with building Linkedin profiles, CVs and building networks. Focus on how to make successful applications to degree apprenticeships	

Please speak to our Careers Lead 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, dependent on availability and as appropriate to the activity. The school will also, where possible, provide technical equipment and assistance to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Co-curricular Learning Coordinator.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature for the attention of Dr Meek and it will be distributed between the careers section of our Learning Resource Centre and the Careers Library. The LRC is usually available to all students at lunch and break times.

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