



**Meols Cop High School**

# **PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY**

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***Brokering Aspirations***

## **Meols Cop High School Provider Access Policy**

### **Introduction**

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).

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 that are 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:

- British Army
- CTK 6<sup>th</sup> form
- David Campbell Soccer Academy
- Edge Hill University
- Everton Football College

- Fletchers Solicitors
- Hugh Baird College
- KGV College
- Keepmoat Homes
- Kier Construction
- Liverpool School of Maths
- LIPA Sixth Form
- Liverpool John Moores University
- Liverpool University
- Liverpool Hope University
- Myerscough College
- Royal Air Force
- Royal Navy
- Runshaw College
- Southport College
- Southport Football Club
- Tchedia
- UCLAN
- West Lancashire College
- Winstanley College

### **Destinations of our pupils**

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

Our students chose 19 different providers in 2024, this is a continued upward trend since 2020.

Some providers include (not exhaustive); LIPA Sixth Form, Runshaw College, KGV College, Southport College, British Army, West Lancashire College, Liverpool Life Sciences UTC, local apprenticeship employers

### **Management of provider access requests**

#### **Procedure**

A provider wishing to request access should contact Bridget Quinn, Careers Leader,  
[Quinn-B@meolscop.co.uk](mailto:Quinn-B@meolscop.co.uk) [careers@meolscop.co.uk](mailto:careers@meolscop.co.uk) Telephone Number: 01704 531180

### **Opportunities for access**

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (**marked in bold text**) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. (**See table below**)

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.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	<p>Employer enterprise day with an apprenticeship provider</p> <p><b>School careers fair with local employers, FE colleges, training providers and higher education institutions present</b></p> <p>1:1 Career Guidance sessions (referral)</p>	<p>Explore careers linked to personal interests, skills and strengths using online careers platform Unifrog</p> <p><b>Local College Taster Day</b></p> <p>1:1 Career Guidance sessions (referral)</p>	<p>Explore careers linked to curriculum learning, using online careers platform Unifrog</p> <p>1:1 Career Guidance sessions (referral)</p>
Year 9	<p>Higher Education visit to a local University</p> <p>Explore careers linked to GCSE subjects and Labour Market Information using online careers platform</p> <p><b>Pre careers fair Assembly with local FE College – post 16 options and how they link to GCSE choices</b></p> <p>School careers fair with local employers, FE colleges, training providers and higher education institutions present</p> <p>Build My Future Choices GCSE Taster Day</p>	<p>1:1 Career Guidance to support informed choices for GCSE options</p> <p>KS4 Options Assembly - Making Informed Choices Careers Leader.</p> <p>KS4 Options Taster Day</p> <p>Explore careers linked to personal interests, skills, strengths and GCSE option choices using online careers platform Unifrog</p> <p>Apprenticeship Assembly Local Apprenticeship Provider</p>	<p>Employer Encounters Week – Workshops with local employers / apprenticeship providers linked to regional Growth Sectors</p> <p>Workplace Encounters for bespoke groups linked to LCR Availability</p>
Year 10	<p>Build My Future Employability Day – Employability sessions delivered by staff and local businesses</p> <p>School careers fair with local employers, FE colleges, training providers and higher education institutions present</p> <p>Year 10 Work Experience Preparation sessions using online careers tool Unifrog</p> <p>Launch of Work Experience App</p>	<p><b>Post 16 technical education pre taster day assembly with general further education provider</b></p> <p>Year 10 work experience preparation contacting employers' sessions</p> <p>1:1 Careers Guidance sessions (referral)</p>	<p><b>Technical / Vocational / A level taster days at local colleges, training providers</b></p> <p>1 week Year 10 work experience with local employers</p> <p>1:1 Careers Adviser meetings to prepare for post 16 choices</p>

Year 11	<b>Post 16 technical education options assembly with general further education provider</b>  School careers fair with local employers, FE colleges, training providers and higher education institutions present  1:1 post 16 career guidance with L6 Careers Adviser  FE College Masterclasses relating to post 16 interests (self-referral)	CV / personal statement workshops  FE College Masterclasses relating to post 16 interests (self-referral)  Mock Interviews with local employers, apprenticeship, FE and HE providers  Apprenticeship Workshop with ASK apprenticeship	Transition to college support  Apprenticeship application support
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In addition to this our careers programme is also built around tailored / personalised opportunities throughout the year which all students have access to

### **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 all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader 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 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](mailto:provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk)