

# CAREERS PROVIDER ACCESS STATEMENT

Secondary setting Eden Boys' School, Bolton



### **Document control**

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# **Key information**

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### Introduction

1. This statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of careers 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**

- 2. Pupils from Year 8 to Year 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
  - 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
  - understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses

# Who is responsible for this statement?

- 3. The trust has overall responsibility for the effective operation of this statement and for ensuring compliance with the relevant statutory or trust framework. The trust has delegated day-to-day responsibility for operating the statement to Star Central, the local accountability board and the principal of each trust secondary school.
- 4. The local accountability board and senior leadership team at each trust secondary school has a specific responsibility to ensure the fair application of this statement and all members of staff are responsible for supporting colleagues and ensuring its success.

# Management of provider access requests

5. A provider wishing to request access should contact:

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# **Opportunities for access**

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

Year Group	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 8	Planning for the future Looking at opportunities and options for future careers.	Steps for Success Advisors from Performance in Education to promote the importance of making correct option choices at ages 14, 16 and 18. Key stage 4 options event - Training Providers & Colleges invited to speak to all pupils	What opportunities are out there for me? Students learn to develop research skills to begin to investigate subject and career choices. Life skills – assembly and tutor group opportunities
Year 9	Planning for the future Looking at opportunities and options for future careers.	Inspiration through Education An academic to talk about their educational journey and experiences. Training Providers & Colleges invited to speak to all pupils	Fruits of Hard work A successful businessperson to talk about their journey. Life skills – assembly and tutor group opportunities
Year 10	Apprenticeships ASK or another organisation to talk about apprenticeships. Life skills – work experience preparation sessions	Steps for Success A professional from the Labour Market to talk about their work. Life skills – assembly and tutor group opportunities	Inspiration through Education An academic to talk about their educational experiences. Training Providers & Colleges invited to speak to all pupils
Year 11	School Careers & Apprenticeship Fair Students will meet personnel from the world of education and work. Academic/Employment Opportunities Post-16	National Community Service A representative from NCS to talk about the National Community Service. Life skills – assembly on opportunities at 16. Event for UTCs	Learn about Post 16 Further Education Opportunities. Main Feeder colleges/apprenticeship providers will be invited to talk to students throughout the year Training Providers & Colleges invited to speak to all pupils



- 7. Pupils should speak to the careers leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for them.
- 8. It is a key mechanism to further help learners understand and take-up, not just apprenticeships, but wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.
- 9. The updated provider access legislation (PAL) specifies schools must provide at least six encounters for all their students:
  - two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend
  - two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend
  - two encounters for pupils during the 'third key phase' (year 12 or 13) that are mandatory for the school to put on but optional for pupils to attend.
- 10. In the context of the provider access legislation, a provider is an organisation that offers approved technical education qualifications or their representative, for example an FE college or training provider.
- 11. A provider, to whom access is given, must deliver an encounter that includes the following:
  - information about the provider and the approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships that the provider offers
  - information about the careers to which those technical education qualifications or apprenticeships might lead
  - a description of what learning or training with the provider is like
  - responses to questions from the pupils about the provider or approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships.
  - the full statutory guidance from DfE can be found at the 'Careers guidance and access for education and training providers' page.

### **Premises and facilities**

- 12. 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.
- 13. The school will also make available audio-visual 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.
- 14. 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/careers-guidance-provision-for-young-people-in-schools