

Sharples School Provider Access Statement

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as of 2 January 2018, we have a duty to provide pupils in years 8-11 with access to providers of post-14 and post-16 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

What are pupils entitled to?

Pupils must be allowed to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs pupils of the full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities on offer, for example, technical education and apprenticeships – this can be achieved through options evenings, assemblies, group discussions, and taster events.
- Understand how to apply to the full range of academic and technical courses available to them.

Who handles our access requests?

Any provider wishing to request access should contact:

- Mrs F Khan Assistant Headteacher KS4
- Telephone: 01204 333253
- Email: f.khan@sharplesschool.co.uk

What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?

Via our school careers education programme, taught under the umbrella of PSHE, we offer providers opportunities throughout the school year to speak to pupils and/or their parents.

Our annual schedule of events is as follows:

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 8	Super Learning Days	KS4 Options Evening	
Year 9	Careers Networking Event	Super Learning Days	
Year 10		Super Learning Days Work Experience	Taster Sessions Assemblies
Year 11	Assemblies Post 16 pathways Mock Interviews	Assemblies Post 16 pathways	

Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

Providers can speak to **Mrs Khan** to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school to speak to our pupils.

What can providers expect once a request has been accepted?

Once we have approved a provider, we will work with them to identify the best method for providing access to our pupils. We will make the school hall, classrooms and private meeting rooms available to host discussions between providers and pupils when available. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors and televisions, available to providers if available. Arrangements will be discussed in advance between the Careers team and a nominated member of the provider's team.

Can providers leave prospectuses for pupils to read?

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with our Careers advisor.