



### **Forge Valley School Policy Statement on Provider Access**

This policy statement sets out Forge Valley Schools 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 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**

Any provider wishing to request access should contact Sarah Brown, Careers Manager Telephone: 0114 234 8805 [sbrown@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:sbrown@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk)

#### **Opportunities for access**

The school will comply with the legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. 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. This includes but is not limited to:

- Careers related Tutorial and Assembly sessions – All year groups
- Post 16 Routes Fair – Y11, 12 and 13
- Post 16 Routes Parent and Pupil event – Y10
- Small group presentation sessions as appropriate – All year groups
- Application support sessions (Apprenticeships and alternative post 16 and post 18 routes) – Y11, 12 and 13

In order to provide the information to help pupils understand their options, providers should cover what they offer, careers information on where the technical education qualifications or apprenticeships might lead, a description of what learning or training with the provider is like and the chance for pupils to ask questions from the pupils.

Providers who wish to access pupils in a specific timeframe or deliver a specific interaction outside of the school career programme of events should:



- Contact the Careers Manager at least 6 weeks in advance of their ideal date to allow time to organise the activity
- Note that events other than those planned in the school careers programme will not be facilitated during teaching hours

Please speak to our Careers Manager to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. Sarah Brown, Careers Manager Telephone: 0114 234 8805 [sbrown@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:sbrown@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk)

### **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 Manager or other appropriate member of staff.

### **Additional information**

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant literature at the Careers Office which can be accessed by all pupils during breaks and lunch times. Any digital material will be circulated to the appropriate year group as identified by the provider.

We have carefully considered and analysed the impact of this policy on equality and the possible implications for pupils with protected characteristics, as part of our commitment to meet the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requirement to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.

### **Approval and review**

March 2024

by Governors at Full Governing Body Committee Meeting

Next review: March 2025

Signed:

Judith Stringer, Chair of Governors

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