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The Nicholas Hamond Academy: Provider Access Policy 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 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.

From January 2023 there is new legislation. This is as follows:

The provider access legislation is new guidance that is coming into force in January 2023.

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
- The new legislation will become 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.

Management of provider access requests Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact: Kate Warnes (Director of Pastoral Care). Telephone number: 01760 721480 or by e-mail at kate.warnes@attrust.org.uk

Opportunities for access

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:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	<p>Career's fair</p> <p>Assembly opportunities</p> <p>Curriculum days where at least 1 x 1 hour session is devoted to further student's knowledge around career opportunities.</p>	<p>Assembly opportunities</p> <p>Curriculum days where at least 1 x 1 hour session is devoted to further student's knowledge around career opportunities.</p>	<p>Assembly opportunities</p> <p>Curriculum days where at least 1 x 1 hour session is devoted to further student's knowledge around career opportunities.</p>
Year 9	<p>Career's fair</p> <p>Assembly dedicated to pathways</p> <p>Curriculum days where at least 1 x 1 hour session is devoted to further student's knowledge around career opportunities.</p> <p>Assembly opportunities</p>	<p>KS4 options evening</p> <p>Curriculum days where at least 1 x 1 hour session is devoted to further student's knowledge around career opportunities.</p> <p>Assembly opportunities</p>	<p>Curriculum days where at least 1 x 1 hour session is devoted to further student's knowledge around career opportunities.</p> <p>Assembly opportunities</p>
Year 10	<p>Career's fair</p> <p>Work Experience Preparation sessions</p> <p>Curriculum days where at least 1 x 1 hour session is devoted to further student's knowledge around career opportunities.</p> <p>Assembly opportunities</p>	<p>Curriculum days where at least 1 x 1 hour session is devoted to further student's knowledge around career opportunities.</p> <p>Assembly opportunities</p>	<p>Post-16 information evening</p> <p>Curriculum days where at least 1 x 1 hour session is devoted to further student's knowledge around career opportunities.</p> <p>Assembly opportunities</p>
Year 11	<p>Career fair</p> <p>Post-16 information evening</p> <p>Curriculum days where at least 1 x 1 hour session is devoted to further student's knowledge around career opportunities.</p> <p>Assembly opportunities</p>	<p>Curriculum days where at least 1 x 1 hour session is devoted to further student's knowledge around career opportunities.</p> <p>Assembly opportunities</p>	<p>Curriculum days where at least 1 x 1 hour session is devoted to further student's knowledge around career opportunities.</p>

Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. We can be flexible in our approach, and are willing to cater for any event with our students.

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 Leader or a member of their team.

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 students at lunch and break times.

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