

Provider Access Policy Statement

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as of 2 January 2018, we have a duty to provide students in Years 8-13 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

What are students entitled to?

Students must be allowed to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs students 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, e.g. 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 our careers leader, L. Jacklin, via email on admin@southaxholme-iet.co.uk.

What opportunities are provided to allow access to students?

Via our academy careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the academy year to speak to students and/or their parents. Our annual schedule of events is as follows:

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 7	General studies lessons on careers and life skills Assembly programme including encounters with employers Careers themed elements in enrichment day Lunchtime career café opportunities Be Ready Employability Units Unifrog activities	Assembly programme including encounters with employers Visitors during National Careers week Lunchtime career café opportunities Be Ready Employability Units Unifrog activities	Assembly programme including encounters with employers Lunchtime career café opportunities Be Ready Employability Units Unifrog activities
Year 8	General studies lessons on careers and life skills Assembly programme including encounters with employers Careers themed enrichment day Lunchtime career café opportunities Be Ready Employability Units Unifrog activities	Assembly programme including encounters with employers KS4 options evening Visitors during National Careers week Lunchtime career café opportunities Be Ready Employability Units Unifrog activities	Assembly programme including encounters with employers Lunchtime career café opportunities Be Ready Employability Units Unifrog activities
Year 9	General studies lessons on careers and life skills Assembly programme including encounters with employers Lunchtime career café opportunities Be Ready Employability Units Unifrog activities	General studies lessons on careers and life skills Assembly programme including encounters with employers Visitors during National Careers week Lunchtime career café opportunities University Visit (guideline dependent) Be Ready Employability Units Unifrog activities	General studies lessons on careers and life skills Assembly programme including encounters with employers Lunchtime career café opportunities Be Ready Employability Units Unifrog activities
Year 10	General studies lessons on careers and life skills Assembly programme including encounters with employers Lunchtime career café opportunities Be Ready Employability Units Unifrog activities	General studies lessons on careers and life skills Assembly programme including encounters with employers Visitors during National Careers week Parents evening Lunchtime career café opportunities Be Ready Employability Units Unifrog activities	General studies lessons on careers and life skills Assembly programme including encounters with employers Careers fair Lunchtime career café opportunities Be Ready Employability Units Unifrog activities

Year 11	Assembly programme including encounters with employers Post 16 options evening Lunchtime career café opportunities Be Ready Employability Units Unifrog activities	Assembly programme including encounters with employers Visitors during National Careers week Parents evening Lunchtime career café opportunities Be Ready Employability Units Unifrog activities	
Year 12	Lunchtime career café opportunities Assembly programme including encounters with employers HE Visits Parents evening	Lunchtime career café opportunities Assembly programme including encounters with employers Work place shadowing UCAS Conference HE Visits	Lunchtime career café opportunities Assembly programme including encounters with employers Work experience HE Visits
Year 13	Lunchtime career café opportunities Assembly programme including encounters with employers HE Visit	Lunchtime career café opportunities Assembly programme including encounters with employers HE Visits Parents evening	Lunchtime career café opportunities

*Face to face talks and visits will be replaced with virtual encounters through Microsoft Teams with both employers, FE and HE providers

** Bespoke video messages will be requested from providers based on the information which students have requested

Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

Providers can speak to our careers leader, L. Jacklin, to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

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 students.

We will make the academy hall, classrooms and private meeting rooms available to host discussions between providers and students. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors and televisions, available to providers.

Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our careers leader and a nominated member of the provider's team.

Can providers leave prospectuses for students to read?

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with reception to be placed in the academy's careers library.