

Provider Access Policy



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1. Introduction

This policy statement sets out the College's arrangement for managing the access of providers to students at the College for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the college's legal obligations outlined in section 42B of the [Education Act 1997](#), the [Skills and Post-16 Act 2022](#) and on page 43 of guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on [careers guidance and access for education and training providers](#).

2. Student Entitlement

Unity College is committed to providing meaningful encounters to all students from Years 7 to 11. One encounter is defined as one meeting between students and one provider.

All students in Years 7 to 11 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship 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.

3. Management of Provider Access Requests

3.1 Procedure

Any provider wishing to request access should contact:

Mrs S Hudson Director of Personal Development by email (s.hudson@unity.lancs.sch.uk) or by telephone 01282 683010

or

Mrs Z Hammond-Phillips Assistant Headteacher (Careers Lead) by email (z.hammond-phillips@unity.lancs.sch.uk) or by telephone 01282 683010

3.2 Opportunities for Access

A number of events, integrated into the College's careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into college to speak to students and/or their parents/carers:

Year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
7	Restart a Heart		Burnley College Sessions
8	Olympian	Burnley College Sessions	
9		Speed Networking	Burnley College Sessions
10	Burnley College Sessions	Careers Interviews University Life and Funding	Careers Interviews Employer Engagement Programme College Visits
11	Careers Interviews College Talks from Local Providers Mock interviews College Application Support	Second Careers Interview available College Application support	

3.3 Premises and Facilities

The College will make the Auditorium, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The College will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will 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 Reception. These will be added to a resource centre that is available to all students at lunch and break times.

4. Previous Providers

In previous years, we have invited in the following providers from the local area into College:

- Burnley College/THEMIS
- Nelson and Colne College Group
- Myerscough College
- St Christopher's
- Clitheroe Royal Grammar School
- Training 2000

5. Monitoring Arrangements

The College's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students are monitored by Zoe Hammond-Phillips (Assistant Headteacher).

This policy will be reviewed annually.