

Provider Access Statement

Date: August 2022

Review Date: April 2025

Policy for external providers' access to pupils for educational and learning purposes. Leigh Academy Blackheath is part of the Leigh Academies Trust (LAT).

Introduction:

This policy sets out the academy'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 opportunities and supporting pupils with their career learning development. This complies with the legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Contact details for provider access requests are stated below.

Procedure:

A provider or employer wishing to request access should initially contact: Jack Ritchie, the Careers Leader at the academy.

Telephone: 0208 1040888

Email: info@leighacademyblackheath.org.uk

Address: Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 8SY.

Opportunities for access:

A variety of events, integrated into the academy's careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come onto the academy premises to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers. LAT Working with Business (WWB) has strong links and networks with businesses and organisations and may also arrange visits to the academy as part of the overall careers programme. This is organised through partnership between LAT

WWB and Leigh Academy Blackheath.

Refusal for access:

We appreciate external providers approach to inform pupils of opportunities However, requests for access can be refused by the academy or linked staff within the Trust on the following grounds:

- The need is being met elsewhere in the careers programme
- Safeguarding reasons
- Imbalanced or conflicting views
- Not considered to be in the best interest of the pupils or is not relevant to the intended audience
- Timing conflicts with other events.

Premises and Facilities:

The academy will make any necessary arrangement to ensure that the location and resources required for the event is appropriate to the activity. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance with the Careers Learning Development Manager or member of their team. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature for student access after the event.

Pupil entitlement:

All pupils in Years 8-13 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;
- hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through option events, assemblies, group discussions and taster events;
- understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Approval and Review:

School approval. The statement will be reviewed in August 2023.