



Policy Statement - Provider Access Arrangements 2023 - 2025

The Wellington Academy uses the Gatsby Benchmarks as a guide to plan our Pathways and Enrichment programme. As part of our commitment to informing our students of the full range of learning and training pathways on offer to them, we welcome requests from training, apprenticeship and vocational education providers to speak to students. The Wellington Academy also proactively seeks to build relationships with these partners as we plan our Pathways and Enrichment activity throughout the school year to ensure that providers have multiple opportunities to speak to students and their parents across years 7 to 13, to offer information on vocational, technical and apprenticeship qualifications and pathways.

Student entitlement

Students 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 evenings, 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

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Careers Coordinator, Penny Hockley on careers@twa.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk or 01264 405060.

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
KS3	Careers Assemblies <i>Career Insight: Meet a...</i> talks Year 7 Mini Interviews	Values Day Careers Fair Year 9 Options Evening Careers Assemblies & <i>Career Insight: Meet a...</i> talks	Careers Assemblies <i>Career Insight: Meet a...</i> talks
KS4	Careers Assemblies <i>Career Insight: Meet a...</i> talks	Values Day Careers Fair Careers Assemblies <i>Career Insight: Meet a...</i> talks Mock Interview Day	Work Experience Careers Assemblies <i>Career Insight: Meet a...</i> talks
KS5	Careers Assemblies <i>Career Insight: Meet a...</i> talks	Values Day Careers Fair Careers Assemblies <i>Career Insight: Meet a...</i> talks Mock Interview Day	Work Experience Careers Assemblies <i>Career Insight: Meet a...</i> talks



Dates and further information about these events can be found on the school website or by contacting the Careers Team.

The school policy on safeguarding sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school to talk to our pupils.

Requests by providers should be sent to the Careers Coordinator, Penny Hockley (careers@twa.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk) with a minimum of 6 weeks' lead time. All requests will be considered on the basis of: staffing availability to support the activity, clashes with other planned activity, trips or visits to the school, interruption to preparation for examinations or rooming and space availability to host the activity.

Date of next review – September 2025