

Policy Statement on Provider Access



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1. Introduction

This policy statement sets out the Trust's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at our secondary academies for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the Trust's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and reflects [current guidance from the Department for Education](#).

[DfE Careers guidance and access for education and training providers \(Updated October 2018\)](#) We will adopt the Gatsby Charitable Foundation's Benchmarks to develop and improve their careers provision. Further information can be read [here](#).

Our Secondary Academies are listed below with links to the relevant Careers pages on the college websites:

- **Holsworthy Community College** <http://www.hcc.devon.sch.uk/careers/>
- **Okehampton Community College** [Okehampton College Career Opportunities](#)
- **Tavistock College** [Careers – Tavistock College](#)

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Our all through special school is listed below with the link to the relevant Careers page on the academies website:

- **The Promise School** [Personal Social Health Education - The Promise School](#)

2. Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 7 - 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.

3. Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact the relevant careers leader at each individual academy:

Holsworthy Community College – Mrs Godwin – jgodwin@hccdevon.org

Okehampton College - Mr A Skelton - askelton@Okehamptoncollege.devon.sch.uk

Tavistock College – Mr J Stroud - j.stroud@tavistockcollege.org

The Promise School – Miss J Filer-Cooper – jfiler-cooper@dmatschools.org.uk

4. Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the Trust careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers. This includes the annual Careers Fair together with strong links and networks with businesses and organisations. Please speak to the Careers Lead in each of the secondary settings to identify student specific opportunities.

5. 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

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- 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.