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Provider Access Policy

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Aims

This policy statement aims to set out our arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students at the College for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer.

It sets out:

- Procedures in relation to requests for access
- The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access
- Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

Statutory requirements

Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in years 7 to 11 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.

Schools must also have a policy statement that outlines the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to these students.

This is outlined in section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements.

Student Entitlement

All pupils in Year 7-11 are entitled:

- To find out about technical qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of the careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point; and to hear from a range of local providers
- To hear about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options events, assemblies, lunch time drop ins, parent evenings, group discussions and attending taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

All pupils in Year 7 to 11 are given access to online guidance and personalised information and guidance via the Kudos software tool.

All pupils in KS4 will have at least one face-to-face careers interview

Management of Provider Access Requests

Procedure

In the first instance, a provider wishing to request access should contact the College's main careers lead:

Mrs Emily Abberley (eabberley@theoasksacademy.co.uk) or Mrs Nina Lockett
(nlockett@theoasksacademy.co.uk)

Opportunities for Access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into College to speak to pupils/and or their parents/carers. These include: -

- 'Community marketplace' events, held during the Autumn term and the Summer Term of each academic year.
- Parent Evenings
- Year 9 Options Evening
- Year 11 Mock GCSE results support
- Lunch time Drop ins
- Regular career related assemblies
- STEM and Enterprise activities
- Mock Interviews

Covid-19 Update

Please be aware that due to the current Covid-19 situation some of these opportunities may be virtual. All providers who have access to students remotely, via Teams or any other means, will be supervised by a member of The Oaks Academy staff accordingly.

Premises and Facilities

The College will make the lecture theatre, conference room or classrooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with our Careers Leads.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature for our Careers Library, which is managed by our careers lead. This facility is available to all students at lunch and break times and before and after school.