



# Provider Access Policy

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## **Introduction**

This policy statement sets out Exceptional Ideas Ltd.'s arrangements for

managing the access of providers to students at our schools for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

### **Pupil Entitlement**

All pupils 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.
- 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.
- understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

### **Management of provider access requests**

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Alison Goode, Senior for Safeguarding and Transition, Telephone: 01787 469373.

Email: [alisongoode@exceptional-ideas.co.uk](mailto:alisongoode@exceptional-ideas.co.uk)

### **Opportunities for access**

We are an organisation that incorporates three schools and an outreach service. Although we do not operate traditional assemblies or careers fairs, we offer a range of career events and education on a half termly basis that are open to all students. Ad-hoc sessions can be arranged to speak to specific year groups, although it should be noted that we teach students on a 1:1 basis and therefore have a limited number of students in each year group (up to a maximum of 29 students across all schools. There is no specified limit to the number of students within our outreach service).

Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable method and location to speak with our students.

### **Premises and facilities**

The school will make classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students or can arrange a suitable alternative depending on group numbers, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all 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 the schools and it is requested that a minimum of three copies are made available to place in each individual school's career resource library. This facility is maintained by the transition lead in each school. These resources available to all students during transition / aspiration lessons and at lunch and break times.