



## PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

This is a whole-school policy, within the framework of which the Primary School and the Nursery policies operate as appropriate.

### Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangement 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 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 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;
- 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.

### Management of provider access requests

#### Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mr P R Taylor,

Telephone: 01254 686300; Email: [ptaylor@gegsblackburn.com](mailto:ptaylor@gegsblackburn.com)

#### Opportunities for access

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

	Michaelmas Term	Lent Term	Trinity Term
Year 7	BAE- Engineering event	Works skills assembly introducing Y7 STEPS (Skills to Ensure Personal Success)	
Year 8		Work skills assembly introducing Y8 STEPS	Y8 Careers Event- students meeting a range from 16 employers

Year 9		(DACA Careers Fair)	Start and Track-tutor group sessions and assembly Careers talks as part of activity week
Year 10	Apprenticeship and Post 16 routes assembly given by ASK		(Y10 Work experience week)
Year 11	Optional apprenticeship and Post 16 routes assembly given by ASK- for targeted students (BwD Careers Fair)	Apprenticeship assembly by Blackburn College	
Year 12	Y12- Meet the employers Careers Event- 10 employers including Apprenticeship advice from ASK and a presentation by Edge Hill University (Etihad UCAS Fair)	SACU (I)- tutor group sessions and assembly	Edge Hill University Evening Presentation of UCAS applications and student finance- for students and parents. UCAS application morning/registration for UCAS (Y12 Work experience week) (Edge Hill UCAS Fair)
Year 13	Optional attendance at the Y12 Careers morning	SACU (II)- tutor group sessions and assembly	

Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

### **Premises and facilities**

The school will make the main hall, annexe, Singleton Common room, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, 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 SMT.

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