

# **Policy Statement on Provider Access**

## **The Suthers School - Provider Access Policy**

### **Introduction**

This policy statement sets out the School's arrangements for managing access of providers to pupils at the School for purpose of giving them information about the provider's education and training offer. This complies with the School's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

The Suthers School is part of the Careers and Enterprise Network and has a stable Careers Plan in place working towards the Gatsby Benchmarks. The School is working to develop a network of contacts and providers and is committed to ensuring that employers, training providers and other partners are invited into the School and on a regular basis. The school's Careers Plan is continually reviewed and the school is always seeking to explore ways in which provision can be improved.

### **Pupil Entitlement**

All pupils in years 7-10 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 information and apprenticeships – through option events, assemblies, workshops and group discussions.
- 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, Mrs Laura Wallbank, PA to the Head of School on 01636 957690 or email: [LWallbank@suthersschool.co.uk](mailto:LWallbank@suthersschool.co.uk)

#### **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 pupils and/or their parents/carers.

Please click [here](#) to view the Careers Programme for 2020-21

## **Premises and Facilities**

The School has ample facilities available for providers to come into School to speak to students. There is an auditorium, seminar room and a range of smaller meeting spaces and classrooms that can be made available as required. The School will make available AV equipment for presentations. This will be advised and discussed prior to the visit.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at school reception. Such resources will be made available to students in the school library. The School also has use of the Unifrog website that offers many useful links for both students and parents. Details of careers and future pathways events, are published via our school, on Twitter @SuthersSchool and through a weekly newsletter shared with all parents.