

Providers Access Policy Statement

The provider access legislation is new guidance that comes into force from January 2023. It is a key mechanism to further help learners understand and take-up, not just apprenticeships, but wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

The guidance is in line with the following legislation;

- Section 42A, 42B, 45 and 45A of the Education Act 1997
- Section 72 of the Education and Skills Act 2008
- Schedule 4 (15) of the School Information (England) Regulations 2008

The updated provider access legislation (PAL) specifies schools must provide at least six encounters for all their students:

- Two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend.
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend.
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'third key phase' (year 12 or 13) that are mandatory for the school to put on but optional for pupils to attend.

In the context of the provider access legislation, a provider is an organisation that offers approved technical education qualifications or their representative, for example an FE College or training provider.

At Heltwate School, students work towards achieving a range of qualifications but not at the level of T Levels or those needed for apprenticeships or technical training. However, embedded in our Operational Plan and whilst students are at Heltwate School, they will, where appropriate, be able to meet a range of providers from relevant colleges as well as visitors to the school and visits out into the community to develop social and cultural capital.

A provider, to whom access is given, must deliver an encounter that includes the following:

- Information about the provider and the approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships that the provider offers.
- Information about the careers to which those technical education qualifications or apprenticeships might lead.
- A description of what learning or training with the provider is like.
- Responses to questions from the pupils about the provider or approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships.

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements 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 7-13 are entitled, where appropriate:

- 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.

Management of provider access requests


Procedure:

A provider wishing to request access should contact Sam England or Kerry Cole

Telephone: 01733 262878; Email: s.england@heltwate.net or k.cole@heltwate.net

Opportunities for access

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

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Years 7 and 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Trips and visits to businesses in the local area to experience LMI ➤ Opportunities and experiences through the 6 areas of learning from the school's Operational Plan, based on the CDI Primary Framework. ➤  		
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Participation in ASDAN, World of Work (visiting companies) ➤ Partnership with companies such as Snuggeries, Biffa ➤ Weekly trips and visits to our community ➤ Assemblies 		
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ visits from Colleges ➤ Careers Open Evenings ➤ Visits from business ➤ School Careers Open Days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ College taster days ➤ visits from Colleges ➤ Visits from business ➤ School Careers Open Days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ College taster days ➤ visits from Colleges ➤ Visits from business ➤ School Careers Open Days
Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Careers advisor in school regularly and working alongside young person and family ➤ Post 16 event - meeting with previous pupils and their families ➤ Visits from business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ KS4 attend careers event ➤ Careers advisor in school regularly and working alongside young person and family ➤ Visits from business ➤ School Careers Open Days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visits from business ➤ School Careers Open Days ➤ Meetings with the Careers Leader

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Year 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Post 16 event - meeting with previous pupils and their families ➤ Visits from business ➤ Community visits ➤ Visits related to the Post-16 Curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ KS5 attend careers event ➤ Meeting with the school's Careers Leader ➤ Visits from business ➤ Community visits ➤ Visits related to the Post-16 Curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visits from business ➤ Community visits ➤ Visits related to the Post-16 Curriculum
Year 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Post 16 event - meeting with previous pupils and their families ➤ Visits from business ➤ School Careers Open Days ➤ Meeting with the school's Careers Leader ➤ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Post 16 event - meeting with previous pupils and their families ➤ Visits from business ➤ School Careers Open Days ➤ Meeting with the school's Careers Leader ➤ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Post 16 event - meeting with previous pupils and their families ➤ Visits from business ➤ School Careers Open Days ➤ Meeting with the school's Careers Leader ➤
Year 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Post 16 event - meeting with previous pupils and their families ➤ Visits from business ➤ School Careers Open Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Post 16 event - meeting with previous pupils and their families ➤ Visits from business ➤ School Careers Open Days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Post 16 event - meeting with previous pupils and their families ➤ Visits from business ➤ School Careers Open Days

Premises and facilities

The school will make the hall, classrooms or meeting spaces available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available Audio Visual 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 with Sam England, Careers Programme Lead or Kerry Cole. This will be made available to pupils and families as appropriate.

Information about careers events, open days and other college information will be shared with parents and students via the school's communication platform, Class Dojo.