THE ASTLEY COOPER SCHOOL



PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

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Policy statement on provider access

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students 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.

Student entitlement

All students 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;
- 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 Dr. M Ryde, Careers Leader. Telephone: 01442 394141; Email: m.ryde@astleycooper.herts.sch.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 students and/or their parents/carers:

Year	Opportunity							
	1	2	3	5	6			
7	'Into to the Future' – PSHE session. Thinking about what careers are.	Careers Assembly (LMI).	Careers Assembly (Programme)					
8	Careers Session - Decision Making, Influencers and skills needed.	Careers Assembly (LMI).	Careers Assembly (Programme)					
9	Choosing Occupational Group Sessions. YC session.	Careers Assembly (LMI).	Careers Assembly (Programme)	Aspire Higher "Future Foward" - Options for future routes	Aspire Higher University visit and			

10	Careers Session - One to one careers sessions with SfYP.	Careers Assembly (LMI).	Careers Assembly (Programme)	Work Shadowing & alternative 'In-house' sessions Or Work Experience (TBC)	Aspire Higher Mental 1.Health and Wellbeing 2.Take Maths Further! - University of Bedfordshire
11	Careers Session - One to one careers sessions with SfYP.	Careers Assembly (LMI). Careers Assembly (Programme)	Careers Assembly (Dacorum Careers Fair)	Dacorum Careers Fair	University of Hertfordshire Trip
12	Targeted one to one careers sessions with SfYP.	Careers Assembly (LMI).	Dedicated PSHE Careers Lessons	Dacorum Careers Fair Sixth Form Workshops	Work Based Learning – offered to all Y12
13		Careers Assembly (LMI).	University/Coll ege visits	Dacorum Careers Fair Sixth Form Workshops	

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

Premises and facilities

The school will make the canteen (large space), 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 their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Library Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Library Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.