

Provider Access Policy

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Aims

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training to students for the purpose of giving them information about their offer.

- Procedures in relation to requests for access
- The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access
- Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

Statutory requirements

- Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in years 8 to 14 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.
- Schools must also have a policy statement that outlines the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to these students.
- This is outlined in section 42B of the [Education Act 1997](#).
- This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements.

Student entitlement

All students in years 8 to 14 at Drumbeat School are entitled to:

- Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities as part of our 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, e.g. through activities and events such as Careers fairs, assemblies and taster events
- 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. Denise Gallagher, Head of School, Telephone: 020 7635 9022; Email: d.gallagher@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

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

The following table, outline examples of the opportunities provided for training and education providers to speak to students and/or their parents/carers.

	AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
YEAR 8	Internal work experience Community work	Annual reviews Careers Day Internal work experience Community work	Annual reviews Careers week Internal work experience Community work
YEAR 9	Internal work experience Community work	Annual reviews Careers Day Internal work experience Community work	Annual reviews Careers week Internal work experience Community work
YEAR 10	Assembly and tutor group opportunities - employability skills Internal work experience Community work Duke of Edinburgh	Annual reviews National Careers Week Careers fair Internal work experience Community work Duke of Edinburgh	Annual reviews Internal work experience Community work Duke of Edinburgh
YEAR 11	Annual reviews Assembly and tutor group opportunities - employability skills Internal work experience Community work Duke of Edinburgh	National Careers Week Careers fair Internal work experience Community work Duke of Edinburgh	Internal work experience Community work Duke of Edinburgh
YEAR 12	Assembly and tutor group opportunities - employability skills Internal work experience External work experience Community work Duke of Edinburgh College link programme	Annual reviews National Careers week Careers Fair PFA workshop with families Internal work experience External work experience Community work Duke of Edinburgh College link programme Careers advisors	Internal work experience External work experience Community work Duke of Edinburgh Careers advisors

	AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
YEAR 13	Assembly and tutor group opportunities - employability skills Internal work experience External work experience Community work Duke of Edinburgh College link programme Lewisham work experience team	Annual reviews National Careers week Careers Fair PFA workshop with families Internal work experience External work experience Community work Duke of Edinburgh College link programme Careers advisors	Internal work experience External work experience Community work Duke of Edinburgh Careers advisors
YEAR 14	Annual reviews Internal work experience External work experience Community work Duke of Edinburgh College link programme Lewisham work experience team	National Careers week Careers Fair PFA workshop with families Internal work experience External work experience Community work Duke of Edinburgh College link programme Careers advisors	Internal work experience External work experience Community work Duke of Edinburgh Preparation for transition with psychology team College transition programmes Careers advisors

Granting and refusing access

Drumbeat will grant access requests that meet the following criteria:

- The provider has detailed knowledge of the nature of the needs of Drumbeat's students
- The provider can offer appropriate pathways for the students, both academically and personal development

Drumbeat will refuse any access request that:

- The school believes is not in the best interests of the students
- This list is not exhaustive and each access request will be considered on a case by case basis.

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available equipment to support provider presentations. This will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Lead.

Links to other policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with:

- Safeguarding/child protection policy
- Careers policy
- Work Experience policy

Monitoring arrangements

- The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students are monitored by Denise, Gallagher, Head of School.
- This policy will be reviewed by the Head of School annually.
- At every review, the policy will be approved by the governing board

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at Reception, which will then be distributed to the most appropriate place within the setting, so that students can access at an appropriate time.

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