



The Hart School: Provider Access Policy

Introduction:

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

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11).

For pupils in the 'third key phase' (year 12 to 13), particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- share information about both the provider and the approved technical education qualification and apprenticeships that the provider offers
- explain what career routes those options could lead to
- provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider (including the opportunity to meet staff and pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

Meaningful Provider Encounters:

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils. Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Previous Providers:

In previous years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- Aldi
- Co-operative Funeral Services
- Derby University
- E-Quality Training Ltd
- Higher Horizons
- Lichfield Football Academy

- NOVA Training
- South Staffordshire College
- Staffordshire University
- The Hex Group
- The University of Birmingham
- Ultra Maritime
- Wolverhampton University
- Zzoomm

Destinations of our pupils:

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to a range of providers in the local area after school:

- HART Sixth Form - (35)
- Stafford College - (112)
- South Staffordshire College (Lichfield, Cannock, Rodbaston and Tamworth) – (24)
- Lichfield City Football Academy – (4)
- AFC Harrogate – (1)
- BOA – (1)
- Construction College Midlands – (1)
- Darlington College – (1)
- Dudley College of Technology – (1)
- Jill Clewes Academy for Theatre Arts – (1)
- John Taylor Free School – (1)
- Matthew Boulton College – (1)
- North Herefordshire College – (1)
- Reaseheath College – (1)
- South and City College Birmingham – (1)
- Stafford Town Football and Education Academy – (2)
- JCB Academy – (1)
- Walsall College – (1)
- Walton High School – (1)

Apprenticeships – (7)

- Tim Tyle Boats
- Oak Tree Landscaping
- Attridge Scaffolding
- Royal Air Force
- Churchfields Primary School

Last year 66% of our year 13 pupils moved on to study at higher or further education providers, including:

- The University of Sunderland
- Durham University
- Aberystwyth University
- Warwick University
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- University of Wolverhampton
- University of Exeter

Management of Provider Access Requests:

A provider wishing to request access should contact Kyra Caulfield, Careers Leader, kyra.caulfield@hartschool.org.uk

We offer the six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events that are integrated into the school careers programme.

We offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents/carers.

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

Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access:

The Hart School will make a suitable space available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available ICT 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.

Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers visiting the school should expect to be supervised by a member of school staff, in line with Creative Education Trust's Child Protection and Safeguarding policies.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Advisor so that they can be displayed in the school's designated careers space.

Live/Virtual encounters

The Hart School will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school assembly hall. Technology checks in advance will be required to ensure compatibility of systems.

Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

Approval and review

Next review: November 2026

Signed: Andrew Drake - Chair of Governors

Rachael Sandham - Principal

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12 November 2025