

South and City College Birmingham Provider Access Policy Statement - 2023

Access for colleges, training providers, university technical colleges, universities and all other post 16 providers, including technical, vocational and academic routes and apprenticeships

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Policy Statement

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

1.Scope and Principles

Students in years 10 and 11 and 16-18 learners

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 students of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of 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/college 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 students from the provider)
- Answer questions from students, including our most vulnerable and those with additional learning needs

2. Management of provider access requests Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Bal Singh, (Careers Lead).

Telephone: 0121 694 5000

Email: balraj.singh@sccb.ac.uk or careers@sccb.ac.uk

3. 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 students using the Making it meaningful checklist.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our students.

4. Opportunities for access

The school/college offers provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the careers programme. (website link)

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

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

5. Premises and facilities

The school/college will make facilities available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school/college will also make available specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the appropriate staff members and also carried out in conjunction with visiting speaker procedures.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by careers advisers.

6. List of Providers

An example of previous employers, training providers and HEI's invited to speak to our students:

NatWest	Birmingham City University
Makemefit club	DeMontfort University
Subway	Newman University
Azets UK	Coventry University
Famous Wolf	University of Birmingham
Midlands Metro Alliance	University of Warwick
NS Group	University Wolverhampton
Valeo	Nottingham Trent University