



## **Provider Access Policy**

**Approved by:**

**Local Governing Body**

**Reviewed:**

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**March 2027**

## **Commitment**

The Longfield Academy is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. Longfield Academy is fully aware of the responsibility to set students on the path that will secure the best outcome which will enable them to progress in education and work and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

Longfield Academy endeavours to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and are able to access information on technical options and apprenticeships (The Department of Education, July 2021: “Baker Clause”: supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options, and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023).

## **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**

Pupils in years 8-11 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 evenings, in house events and assemblies, and the PD programme
- 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).

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.

## Management of Provider Access Requests

### Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mr J Tattersall, Career Lead on 01325 380815 or email: jtattersall@longfield.nalp.org.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 pupils and/or their parents / carers. Access arrangements take into account both the Baker Clause and Provide Access Legislation. The school offers the 4 provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text)

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Enrichment visits may be organised	Enrichment visits may be organised	Enrichment visits may be organised <b>College/Training/Apprenticeship/ University Marketplace (PAL)</b>
Year 9	Enrichment visits may be organised <b>Alumni focus Technical and apprenticeship pathways (PAL)</b>	Y9 parents evening and options evening with post 16 providers present.	
Year 10	Enrichment visits may be organised	Year 10 Parents Evening	College Taster Days <b>College/Training/Apprenticeship/ University Marketplace (PAL)</b>  Year 10 Future Ready Event with post 16 providers present.
Year 11	<b>Presentations from local colleges and providers. (PAL)</b>  Post 16 options evening  Application Workshop	Local college interviews Apprenticeship and National Citizenship assembly Year 11 Parents Evening <b>Apprenticeship Workshop (PAL)</b>	

Please speak to our named Careers Leaders, J Tattersall, to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

The school policy on safeguarding sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our pupils.

A link to all policies can be found here: [Longfield Academy](#)

### **Premises and Facilities**

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, 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 School Library. The Library is available to all pupils before school and after school.