

Provider Access Policy



This policy statement sets out the arrangements at Oasis Academy John Williams for managing the access of providers to pupils for the purpose of giving them information about the education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

At Oasis Academy John Williams, we plan our provision to prepare students for their next phase of education, training or employment by thinking deeply about the needs of our students and using the Gatsby Benchmarks as a guide to ensure all students get a rounded education in careers. This means that all students in years 7-11 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 to them 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.

As a big part of this programme involves informing students of the opportunities that are available to them, we encourage requests from local providers offering a range of pathways including A-Levels, T-Levels, vocational courses, apprenticeships and training to come into the Academy and speak to our students. We also acknowledge that students need to be fully informed about their options, so we plan in provision to get them the information they need, and we actively seek support from local training providers to deliver this provision in an effective way.

Through the partnerships we have with local providers, we also ensure that our staff are kept up-to-date with the opportunities available to students and that they too seek ways to engage the providers within their subject areas. It is through these links that we offer after-school science clubs led by sixth-form students, regular speaking afternoons for Spanish students at a local sixth form and students get to attend 'discovery days' every year, just to name a few examples of how our work alongside these local providers stretches beyond the traditional coverage of a careers fair stand and Key Stage 4 assemblies.

All requests from providers to work with our students will be considered, with a decision on an activity's suitability based on logistical factors such as staff availability to support the activity, clashes with other planned provision, trips or visits to the Academy, timing in relation to examinations and available space to host the activity. In terms of facilities, the Academy will make the atrium, theatre, sports hall, classrooms, meeting rooms or outside space available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity and per availability of these facilities. The Academy will also make audio-visual and any other specialist equipment available to providers to support delivery of presentations. This will all be discussed with the Head of Careers prior to any provider visit. Providers are also encouraged to leave a copy of their prospectus at the Academy so it can be added to our Learning Resource Centre.

The careers plan at Oasis Academy John Williams is monitored by the Head of Careers in conjunction with the Senior Leadership Team and the Academy Council, and part of the regular evaluation of the programme is ensuring providers from the full range of opportunities available have access to our students in order to inform them of the options they have on completing secondary education.

If you are a local provider and would like to work with us, or you have any questions about our Provider Access Policy, please get in touch by emailing our Head of Careers, Chris Bufton, at christopher.bufton@oasisjohnwilliams.org or calling the general Academy number on 01275 894680.