

BELPER SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE

PROVIDER ACCESS STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 the school has a legal obligation to provide opportunities for external providers to access our students for the purpose of providing them with information about the provider's education or training offer.

CAREERS BENCHMARKS

All students in Years 8-13 are provided with encounters with employers, employees, further education, training and higher education providers in order to:

- explore technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities
- hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships
- understand how to apply for the full range of academic and technical courses

MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUESTS PROCEDURE

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Mark Kazmierczak - Careers SLT Lead

- Telephone: 01773 825281
- Email: mak@belperschool.co.uk

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS

- **Year 9 Options Evening.** This is an annual event held in the early Spring term. Students from year 9 are invited into school with parents to discuss their progress across the curriculum. Local providers of education and apprenticeships can apply to exhibit and talk to parents and students about the full range of academic and technical pathways, including apprenticeships, Further Education and Higher Education opportunities.
- The School Careers Programme details a number of other events which might also offer providers opportunities to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers. Additionally, the school keeps a database of providers who have worked with us in the past or who would like to do so in the future. Please contact our Careers Leader to be included on this database and identify the most suitable opportunities for you.
- All requests will be considered based on staff availability to support the activity, clashes with other planned activity, trips or visits to the school, interruption to preparation for examinations and rooming or space availability to host the activity.

PREMISES AND FACILITIES

The school will make available suitable spaces for discussions between the provider and students as appropriate to the activity. The school will also consider making 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 another relevant member of the school staff.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the School Reception for placing in the school Careers Resource Centre. This is managed by the Careers Leader and is available to all students at lunch, break times and after school.