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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 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 pupils.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Peter Roberts (Assistant Head Teacher) via mailmgr@rainhillhigh.org.uk or via 01744 677 205

Opportunities for Access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. (See table below of providers who have worked with the school this year).

We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8			NEW: Apprenticeship talk
Year 9		Careers Fair: Colleges, 6 th forms, Apprenticeship providers, Employers, Universities (see full list below) all in attendance. Career Connect: What are my options? Presentation	NEW: T Level talk
Year 10		Careers Fair: Colleges, 6 th forms, Apprenticeship providers, Employers, Universities (see full list below) all in attendance. Career Connect: What are my options? Presentation	Mock Interviews (employers and apprenticeship providers) Individual Guidance interviews commence Initial Indications Survey St Helens Council-Employability workshop (application forms)
Year 11	Individual guidance interviews continue	Careers Fair: Colleges, 6 th forms, Apprenticeship providers, Employers, Universities (see full list below) all in attendance. Career Connect: What are my options? Presentation Individual guidance interviews conclude.	
Year 12	See full list below		
Year 13	See full list below		

Careers Fair (Y9-11)

Colleges/Sixth Forms

- Carmel College
- St Helens College and Knowsley Community College
- RH6
- Myerscough College
- Fowler Education and Football Academy
- Training Plus Merseyside
- Cronton and Riverside College

Higher Education

- Leeds University
- Edge Hill University
- Chester University
- Liverpool John Moores University
- Liverpool Hope
- Manchester Met University

Employers/Apprenticeship offers

- MSB (Solicitors)
- Royal Navy
- Army
- Royal Air Force
- NHS
- St Helens Council (Care Services)
- Taylor Wimpey Homes
- KIER construction
- Pilkington Glass
- Bluebird Social Work
- Co-Operative Bank PLC
- Sean Bailey Wellness
- Careers in Blue
- Vets4Pets
- NHS Careers
- BAE Systems
- Royal Court Acting Trust
- Merseyside Police
- Barclays PLC
- Knowsley Safari Park

Career Connect also in attendance to guide students.

RH6 Offer:

Higher Education:

- UCAS Exhibition
- Edge Hill (Introduction to HE)
- Oxford (Demystifying Oxbridge)
- Liverpool John Moores (Choosing the Right course)
- York (Applying for competitive Courses)
- Bristol University (Personal Statements)
- Leeds (Personal Statements)
- UCAS Launch (2 Day Virtual Event)
- Manchester Met (Degree Apprenticeships)
- University of Liverpool (Languages)

Employers/Employability

- Royal Navy (Armed Forces Talk)
- St Helens Chamber (Employability Skills)
- Open the Door (LCR Be More: Apprenticeships)
- Waterside Training (Post-18 Apprenticeships)
- Yipiyap (Tutoring Opportunities)
- The National Apprenticeship Show
- Psychotherapy: Discovery talk
- BAE Systems
- Solicitors Workshop (careers in law)
- Amnesty International (Workshop)
- Regional Nurse Practitioner Talk
- Medicine professional talk
- Photography Workshop
- Sports Science Talk
- Learn Lift and Burn Business Talk
- Financial Advisor Talk

- Vet Talk

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.

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

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all pupils at lunch and break times.

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