

Provider Access Legislation

We are committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for all pupils/students from Year 8 to Year 13 to have direct access to a range of education and training providers to inform them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. This is outlined in section 42B of the Education Act 1997, the Skills and Post-16 Act 2022.

The school will comply with the legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships:

- Two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (Year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (Year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend
- Two encounters for students during the 'third key phase' (Year 12 or 13) that are mandatory for the school to put on but optional for students to attend

Pupil Entitlement

To support pupils/students, they will be entitled to the following experiences.

- Information about different providers and the approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships that the provider offers. This will be available and supported at all transition points.
- Information about the careers to which those technical education qualifications or apprenticeships might lead. How pupils/students can apply for these qualifications and courses.
- A description of what learning or training with the provider is like.
- An opportunity for pupils/students to ask questions about the provider or the approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships.

Management of Provider Access Requests

If you are a provider and wish to request access please contact **Joanna Smith**, Careers Administrator by email: jsmith@sweynepark.com.

The school provides several events which will give providers opportunities to access pupils/students and parents. In addition to this, providers may request access to speak to pupils/students and parents through assemblies, tutor times or after school events. Access will be granted based on the timing, relevance, suitability, school calendar and safeguarding needs. Alternative dates will be provided where possible.

Any visitor to the school will be expected to adhere to our Safeguarding Policy (available on our website).

Premises and Facilities

The school can offer a range of suitable venues including classrooms, meeting rooms and hall space, with enough advanced notice. Wi-Fi and technical support are available when required.

Providers will be able to leave literature, leaflets or information digitally, which can be given to the Careers Leader. This can then be made available to pupils/students via tutor time, emailed to parents or discussed in CPRE. Alternatively, it may be published on the Careers area on our website.