

# **Manchester Secondary Pupil Referral Unit: Provider Access Policy Statement 2021**

## **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**

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.

## **Management of provider access requests**

### **Procedure**

A provider wishing to request access should contact Jo Hardman, administrator, via email at [J.Hardman@mspru.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:J.Hardman@mspru.manchester.sch.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 or their parents or carers. These can be found in the Careers Programme published on the school's website.

Please speak to our Careers Leader, Colin Rigby, to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

### **Premises and facilities**

The school operates across multiple sites in the City and providers will be provided with access to the students on a site-by-site basis. The school will make a suitable presentation space or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, 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 copies of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with Jo Hardman who will ensure they are distributed to each of our Centres.