



Provider Access Policy Statement

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Dissemination of the Policy: All staff and Governors

History of policy changes

Date	Version	Change	Origin of change e.g. change in legislation, request by TU	Changed by

This policy statement aims to set out our school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students for the purpose of giving them information about that provider's education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

All students in years 7 to 13 are entitled to:

Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities as part of our careers programme, which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point

Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships

Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact Andrew Raistrick, Deputy Headteacher
Telephone: 01242 5254787

Email: araistrick@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into our careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents or carers. At present, to meet the minimum legal requirement, encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships are arranged in March of Year 8, July of Year 10, and November of Year 11. However, other opportunities are also arranged around the school calendar which varies from year to year, so providers need to contact the member of staff named above to identify the most suitable opportunity. The events are usually arranged well in advance so it is essential that providers contact us in plenty of time to increase the likelihood of us arranging suitable access.

Granting and refusing access

At Pittville School we have a careers curriculum which focuses on providing key information at specific times. All providers' requests for access are welcomed and will be considered, however, access may not be granted if the timing is inappropriate or causes disruption to the school calendar and student learning. An alternative opportunity may be offered.

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

Premises and facilities

Access to appropriate rooms and facilities will be discussed and agreed in advance of any visit so it is important providers are clear about their needs when they contact us. We have a range of rooms available depending on group size and the activity involved, most of which have access to a projector or interactive screen and Wi-Fi. We suggest you make requests for specific equipment at least three working days in advance and ensure you are able to access any electronic resources.

Providers are welcome to leave prospectuses or printed materials with the school and we will make them available to students. Providers are also welcome to leave electronic resources with careers staff to make available as needed.

We also welcome online live encounters and workshops.

Monitoring arrangements

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students are monitored by Andrew Raistrick, Deputy Headteacher. Should you have any complaints or concerns, please contact araistrick@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk

Student access to and attendance at employer and technical education encounters are monitored and extra provision organized where needed.

This policy will be reviewed by the Deputy Head alongside the Careers policy each year. At every review, the policy will be approved by the governing board.

We have previously worked with:

ASK Apprenticeships
Gloucestershire College
GROWS Gloucestershire
Cirencester College
NHS Careers
Spirax Sarco
Kohler Mira

Post-16 Student Destinations

Include:

All Saints' Academy
Balcarras Sixth Form
Bournside Sixth Form
Cirencester College
Cleeve Sixth Form
Gloucestershire College
Hartpury College
Stroud College
Armed Services – Harrogate
Cheltenham Town Football Club Academy
Cotswold BMW
Kohler Mira
MPTC Gloucester
Spirax Sarco
Stage Door Learning

Links to other policies

Child protection and safeguarding policy
Careers policy