



The Birley Academy

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The Birley Academy: Provider Access Policy

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).

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.

Previous providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

September 2019: Sophie Cowell /Bethan Varney - The Sheffield College - Y11 Assembly

October 2019: Y11 Post 16 Evening – Various Representatives / Providers

December 2019: Emma Pickering - Amey Streets Ahead, Highways Maintenance Management
Y11 Interview Adena Raper - Henry Boot Construction
Technique Abi Brookes - Vision for Education Recruitment
Angela Johnson – Kier Group
Olivia Turner / Richard Midgley – Turner Townsend Surveying Partnership

September 2020: Sophie Cowell /Bethan Varney - The Sheffield College – Y11 Assembly

October 2020: Y11 Post 16 Evening – Various Representatives / Providers

December 2020: Sharon Turner - Robertson Construction
Y11 Virtual Mock Sgt Jamie McIlroy - RAF
Interview Dr Georgia Mann - Withers Rogers Solicitors
(school based) Caroline Siddall - All Saints 6th Form
Anthony Pennant - United Living
Meg Richardson/Cat Parkin - Reed Recruitment
Ines Monteiro/Connie Searson - Chesterfield College
Helen Brown /Claire Churchill - JCP DWP
Emily Hornblower – Opp Sheffield - Apprenticeships

May 2021: Y10 UrbanPlan - Virtual Session - Careers in Construction/Building Design/Town Planning

July 2021: Y10
Empl Encounter Army
Carousel Sharon Turner - Roberts Construction
Paul Harris/Heidi Hague - Harris CM Construction
Hollie Marsden/Emma Richardson – Irwin Mitchell Law/IT
Stuart Morrison – Bibby Financial Services
Alex Evans/Alex Howe United Living Construction
Roxanna Kiarass/Richard Gregg – Aviva Insurance
Lee Slatter – Santander Banking
Kate Hughes – Green Estate Hospitality / Heritage
Lynne Newcombe – University of Sheffield
Tom Ward – Etico Skills Financial Training
Mateen Duresmain – Energy Analysts

September 2021: Sophie Cowell /Bethan Varney - The Sheffield College – Y11 Assembly

October 2021: Y11 Post 16 Evening – Various Representatives / Providers

December 2021: Lisa Sellers – AMRC / Engineering / Apprenticeships

Y11 Mock Inter (school based)	Lauren Byrne/Ashley Sanders – LifeSkills Training Richard Clarke – Football Industry Colleges Tony Robinson – Opportunity Sheffield Helen Brown/Lyndsay Morgan - JCP
July 2022: Y10 Careers Programme	National Citizen Services - Skills Booster Session (various reps) Job Centre Plus - World of Work Session – Hospitality Sector (various reps) South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue – Session- Public Services (various reps)
September 2022:	Lauren Brewster /Bethan Varney - The Sheffield College – Y11 Assembly
October 2022:	Y11 Post 16 Evening – Various Representatives / Providers
October 2022: Y9 Inspire Day	Ellie McKenzie/Millie Reilly – Powertherm Ltd Mrs L Flint – NHS - Northern General Hospital Natalie Ward - City Fibre Emma Pickering/ Gary Kemp - Amey Streets Ahead / Engineering /Civil Chloe Tharme-Loose – Aviva HEPP Lauren Brewster - The Sheffield College FE Session Mel Broadhurst - All Saints 6 th Form – FE Session
December 2022: Y11 Mock Inter (school based)	Melany Shaw Tilbury Douglas Construction Rachael Waller/Katy Gollick - BBraun Jake Lister – Access Sport Academy Tony Robinson – Opportunity Sheffield Amy Allward - JCP DWP Una Cunningham / Katy Pryor NHS Sheffield Teaching Hospital
January 2023: Y8 Inspire Day	PC Matt Thompson – SY Police Denise Bishop – HSBC - Finance Adam Scott – NG Bailey Una Cunningham – NHS Sheffield Teaching Hospitals HEPP Lauren Brewster - The Sheffield College FE Session Mel Broadhurst - All Saints 6 th Form – FE Session
January 2023: Apprenticeships	Natalie Millard / Stewart Parisson – The Sheffield College Apprenticeship Team Parent/Student Information Evening

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- Further Education Providers (76%) including:
 - HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE
 - PEAKS CENTRE
 - SHEFFIELD CITY COLLEGE
 - QPD
 - Sheffield United Football Club
 - Chesterfield College
 - St Georges Park

- Sheaf College
- LifeSkills
- National Horse College
- Red Tape Studio Sheffield
- Creator Hair Academy Sheffield
- AMRC
- NACRO
- Bodmin Callyworth College
- Sixth Forms (16%) including:
 - KING EDWARD VII
 - HIGH STORRS
 - SILVERDALE
 - ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC HIGH
 - TAPTON
 - NOTRE DAME
 - TAPTON
- Apprenticeships (9%) including:
 - The Birley Academy
 - Gripple Ltd Sheffield
 - SHEFFIELD CITY COLLEGE
 - SHEFFIELD CITY COLLEGE OG
 - Doncaster College
 - ARMY

Management of provider access requests

Procedure: A provider wishing to request access should contact Jessica Godbehere, Careers Leader at Jessicagodbehere@birleysecondaryacademy.co.uk

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.

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