# Provider access entitlement

This provider access entitlement sets out the Trust’s arrangements for managing the access of providers to learners at the academies for the purpose of giving them information about the provider’s education or training offer. This complies with the academy’s legal obligations under [Section 42B of the Education Act 1997](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1997/44/section/42B).

## Management of Provider Access Requests Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Careers Lead from the academy (as listed below) to identify the most suitable opportunity for you to attend.

**Careers leads:**

Beacon Hill Academy: Mr H Mahey, hmahey@beaconhillacademy.org.uk

Pegasus Academy: Mr M Townley, mtownley@pegasusacademy.org.uk

St James Academy: Mr S Cole, scole1@stjamesacademy.org.uk

The Link Academy: Mr R Chater, rchater@thelinkacademy.org.uk

**Senior Careers officer**

Mrs Z Turton, zoe.turton@dudleycol.ac.uk

**Careers link Governor**

Mr M Dudley (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Thomas Dudley LTD).

## Opportunities for Access

Dudley Academies Trust has implemented a major careers education programme. Linked to our policy is a careers journey map which sets out the range of opportunities and experiences that are available to learners from Year 7 onwards.

Our careers provision has been specifically designed so that it is embedded into the curriculum and linked to our Commitments programme. The Commitments programme is a series of pledges that learners undertake which help to develop their social skills, resilience and adaptability for the world of work.

Integrated into the academy’s careers programme are a number of events which offers providers opportunities to visit academies to speak to learners and/or their parents/carers.

COVID-19 impacted the programme delivery. We adapt our provision/delivery as necessary to comply with guidelines whilst ensuring learners receive the advice and guidance to empower them to make realistic, informed choices about their future options and career choices. Provision, which is subject to change, may include ‘virtual’ delivery and will consist of a balance of:

* Assemblies.
* Careers fairs and workshops
* Character Education.
* Guest speakers.
* Tutor sessions.
* Virtual work experience.
* One to one independent careers advice and personal guidance.
* Visits to Further and Higher Education establishments.
* Visits to employers.
* Celebration of National Careers Week.

## Learner entitlement

 All learners 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.
* 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.
* Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses/qualifications.

# Management of provider accesses requests

## Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Careers Lead for the academy (as listed previously).

## Opportunities for access

A number of events integrated into the academy careers programme will offer providers opportunities to come into each academy to speak to learners and/or their parents/carers.

For full details of the Dudley Academies Trust Careers plan including the full programme of activities please see our Plans, Policies and Documents.

## Premises and facilities

The academy will ensure that suitable rooms are available for discussions between the provider and learners, as appropriate to the activity. The academy will also make available specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Lead or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Providers are encouraged to provide a copy of their prospectus or any other relevant literature at the Careers Hub. Careers Hubs are rooms in each academy dedicated to supporting learners make suitable career choices.