



West Bromwich Collegiate Academy

Provider Access Statement *(Formally the Baker Clause)*

Careers should be transformational to the lives of young people. At West Bromwich Collegiate Academy careers will provide a platform for motivation, for students to aim higher, achieve more and reach their aspirations.

Policy Statement

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.

West Bromwich Collegiate Academy use the Gatsby 8 benchmarks to inform the provision of Careers Education, Information and Guidance (CEIAG) delivered. As part of our commitment to informing students of the full range of learning and training routes available we consider requests from training providers, vocational education routes and apprenticeship providers to speak to students. We will also approach these partners ourselves when planning and organising key CEIAG events throughout the school year.

Opportunities for access:

Opportunity	Date	Description	Gatsby Benchmark
National Careers Week	March	This week celebrates the opportunities for young people aspiring to different careers. It provides an opportunity for external partners to engage with school.	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
National Apprenticeship Week	February		
Student Assemblies	Throughout the year	Students will have the opportunity to listen to guest speakers from different career backgrounds. This broadens students contact with a range of employers.	3, 6
Open Evenings	Throughout the year	Increased parental awareness of careers support in making decisions about options, future destinations, and opportunities in the academy.	3, 8
Focus Days	Throughout the year	Specific careers and Post-16 focused days where students can explore a range of careers, meet employers and education/training providers	1, 3, 5, 6
Work Experience	Summer Term	Students will all experience work within different sectors working with employer partnerships.	3, 5, 6,

All requests should be emailed at least 6 weeks in advance of an expected date for the planned session. All requests will be given due consideration from the designated Careers Leader and Senior Leadership. Requests will be refused if:

- They impinge on students' preparation for public or internal exams
- They clash with other planned school events
- The school is unable to provide staff to support the event
- Rooming is unable to be found due to timetabling clashes

In the first instance requests by providers should be sent to the Careers Lead, Miss J Adams via careers@wbca.shirelandcat.net For questions on this or the wider CEIAG programme at Shireland Collegiate Academy, please do not hesitate to contact us. The following policies may also apply to interested providers:

- CEIAG Policy
- Careers and Enterprise Plan
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

