

# Summerhill School: Provider Access Policy

## 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 7-11 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 **James Wollerton**, Assistant Head Teacher and Senior Leader responsible for Information, Advice and Guidance

Telephone: 01384 816 165 Email: [jwollerton@summerhill.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:jwollerton@summerhill.dudley.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 and/or their parents. Please speak to **James Wollerton** to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. The school policy on safeguarding sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

## EXAMPLE OF EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR WHICH PROVIDERS WOULD BE WELCOME TO JOIN

|          | Autumn Term                          | Spring Term          | Summer Term      |
|----------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Year 7/8 | Life Skills Assembly                 | Stereotypes Workshop | Options Assembly |
| Year 9   | Life Skills Assembly                 | Options Assembly     | Careers Workshop |
| Year 10  | Careers and Higher Education Evening | Vocations Workshops  | Work Experience  |
| Year 11  | Careers and Higher Education Evening |                      |                  |

Summerhill School will always welcome visitors throughout the year who wish to give 1:1 or small group advice and / or guidance.

Please speak to James Wollerton, Assistant Head Teacher and Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

## Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms 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 a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by Mr Dan Morgan. The Resource Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.

#### **Approval and review**

Approved: **September 2025** by Governors

Next review: **July 2026**

Signed:

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**Carol Fletcher**, Chair of Governors

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**Tim Harris**, Head teacher

**Michelle Hammond**, Link Governor for Careers