

Policy statement on provider & employer access



Solihull College & University Centre/Stratford College

Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the College's arrangements for managing the access of providers/employers to students at college for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the College's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Pupil entitlement

All students from the age of 16+ 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: Adam Thomas Director of Student Services/Careers Leader who is responsible for Information, Advice and Guidance
Telephone: 0121 678 7000 Email: adam.thomas@solihull.ac.uk

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the colleges careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into college to speak to students and/or their parents/guardians/carers.

Please speak to Alka Prinja, Careers Service Manager, Central Careers Service, Tel: 0121 678 7020 or email: careers@solihull.ac.uk to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. The college policy on safeguarding sets out the college's approach to allowing providers into college as visitors to talk to our students

Departmental University Trips (G7)	*	*	*						*	*	*	
University Mock Interviews (G7, G8)			*	*	*	*	*	*				
Employability Skills Support												
CV Workshops (G1, G3, G8)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Interview Skills (G6, G3, G8)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Job Search (G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, G8)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Introduction to Work Opportunities and Career Planning (G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, G8)						*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mock Interviews for HE students (G3, G4, G6, G8)						*	*	*	*	*		
Bespoke Employer Talks - curriculum lead (G1, G2, G4, G5)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Work Experience (G4, G5, G6)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	

Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The college will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The college 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 the Careers team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the ACE Hub, which is managed by the Careers Team at all campuses. The ACE Hub is available to all students at lunch and break times.

Approval and review

Approved [09/2021] by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee

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Signed: [name] Chair of Governors [Adam Thomas] Director of Student Services