

DARRICK WOOD SCHOOL PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

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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 8-13 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship 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

A provider wishing to request access should contact our Head of Work-Related Learning:

Telephone: 01689 850271 and ask for the Head of Work-Related Learning.

Email: office@darrickwood.bromley.sch.uk and mark for the attention of the Head of Work-Related Learning.

Opportunities for access

- There are opportunities to address all students in a year group as part of our weekly assembly programme. Assemblies take place from 8.35am until 8.55am but it may be possible to extend the assembly if required. We can also arrange for you to address a smaller group of students during the school day.
- Throughout the year, we also organise parental workshops and presentations which take place on a weekday evening.
- Year 11 into 12 Options Evening will be in the School Calendar each year in November.
- Year 9 into 10 Options Evening will be in the School Calendar each year in March.

Please speak to our Head of Work-Related Learning, 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 Head of Work-Related Learning.

Providers are welcome to send electronic copies of literature to the Head of Work-Related Learning who will make them available to students, parents/carers and staff. Paper copies of literature may also be left with the Head of Work-Related Learning.