

Provider Access Statement

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Policy for external providers' access to students for educational and learning purposes.

Leigh Academy Minster is part of the Leigh Academies Trust (LAT).

Introduction

This policy sets out the academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training opportunities and supporting students with their career learning development. This complies with the legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Contact details for provider access requests are stated below.

Procedure A provider or employer wishing to request access should initially contact: Clare Blackman, the Careers Leader at the academy.

Email: clare.blackman@laminster.org.uk

Address: Leigh Academy Minster, Minster Rd, Minster on Sea, Sheerness ME12 3JQ

Opportunities for access

A variety of events, integrated into the academy's careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come onto the academy premises to speak to students and/or their parents/carers. We have strong links and networks with businesses and organisations and we arrange visits to the academy as part of the overall careers programme.

Please contact Clare Blackman (details above) for further information.

Refusal for access

We appreciate that external providers may approach us to inform students of opportunities. However, requests for access can be refused by the academy or linked staff within the Trust on the following grounds:

- The need is being met elsewhere in the careers programme
- Safeguarding reasons
- Imbalanced or conflicting views
- Not considered to be in the best interest of the students or is not relevant to the intended audience
- Timing conflicts with other events. Premises and Facilities The academy will make any necessary arrangement to ensure that the location and resources required for the event is appropriate to the activity. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance with the Careers Leader. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature for student access after the event.

Student Entitlement

All students 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
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships - through option events, assemblies, group discussions and taster event
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.