

Careers Provider Access Statement

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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the 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.

Our focus links directly to the requirements of the Gatsby 'Good Career Guidance: The Next 10 Years report (2025) and the statutory 'Career's guidance and access for education and training providers' (2025).

School's Careers Leader

Parents, carers, teachers and employers may gain further information about our careers programme by contacting:
Mrs A Evans,
Careers Leader
01562768430
Enquires@birchensale.bmat.co.uk

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mrs A Evans
Address: Birchensale Middle School, Bridley Moor Road, Redditch B97 6HT
Telephone: 01562768430
Email: enquires@birchensale.bmat.co.uk

Opportunities for access

A variety of events, integrated into the school's careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come onto the school 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 school as part of the overall careers programme.

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

The school will make a suitable space available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available IT and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader.

Refusal for access

All requests will be given due consideration by Birchensale Middle School and the Senior Leadership team. Requests will be refused if:

- They clash with other school events such as visits, other speakers, well-being days, school photographs, sports days, public or internal exams, parents' communication events etc.
- The school is unable to provide staff to support the presentation or talk due to previous commitments
- Safeguarding reasons
- Not considered to be in the best interest of the students or is not relevant to the intended audience

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Leader so that they can be displayed in the Careers display at school.