	<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Provider Access Policy</b>
<b>Committee/Person Responsible:</b>	John Eddy, Deputy Headteacher	
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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 purposes 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.

## Student entitlement

Students in years 8-13 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 evenings, 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 Mrs J Veal, Head teacher  
 Telephone: 01823 348200; Email: [jveal@thetauntonacademy.com](mailto:jveal@thetauntonacademy.com)

### 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:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
<b>Year 8</b>		Life skills – assembly and tutor group opportunities Year 9 Specialist Studies assembly	Life skills – assembly and tutor group opportunities
<b>Year 9</b>	Event for University Technical Colleges ‘Speed Networking’ event with providers and employers	KS4 options event 1:1 meetings	
<b>Year 10</b>	Life Skills – work experience preparation sessions Teaching and STEM academy activities		Life skills – assembly and tutor group opportunities Work Experience
<b>Year 11</b>	Life Skills – assembly on opportunities at 16 Careers Fair Sixth Form Taster day	Post 16 evening Post 16 taster sessions	

The Head teacher will link potential providers up with our Careers Leaders to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

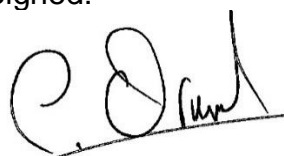
The school policy on safeguarding (<http://www.thetauntonacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Safeguarding-Policy-Sept-2017-2.pdf>) sets out the school’s approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

### 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 the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.

Signed:



Chair of Governors



Head teacher