

Careers Provider Access Statement (Provider Access Legislation) Sept 2026

Introduction

This statement sets out Ecclesfield School's arrangements for managing the access of providers of education and training to students for the purpose of giving information about the provider's education or training offer.

This statement complies with the school's statutory obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as amended by the Technical and Further Education Act 2017, and reflects current Department for Education statutory guidance relating to careers education, information, advice and guidance.

As part of our commitment to ensuring every student can **Belong, Thrive and Achieve**, students are provided with a progressive programme of careers education, employer encounters, workplace experiences, provider encounters and independent careers guidance from Year 7 to Year 11.

Student entitlement (Years 7-11)

All students in Years 7-11 are entitled to:

- Learn 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 and national providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education qualifications, apprenticeships, further education, higher education and employment routes.
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic, vocational and technical pathways available to them

Student Careers Overview

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Careers assemblies and SODA; supporting careers in the curriculum. Interaction with employers.	Careers assemblies and SODA; supporting careers in the curriculum; National Careers Week.	Careers assemblies and SODA; supporting careers in the curriculum, including specific PSHCE unit.
Year 8	Careers assemblies and SODA; supporting careers in the curriculum.	Careers assemblies and SODA; supporting careers in the curriculum; National Careers Week. Option of Work Shadowing Day.	Careers assemblies; supporting careers in the curriculum. Interaction with employers and Post-16 Providers.
Year 9	KS4 Pathways preparation; Careers assemblies; supporting careers in the curriculum, Interaction with employers, Apprenticeships and Post-16 Providers.	KS4 Pathways event; Careers assemblies and SODA; supporting careers in the curriculum; National Careers Week. Option of Work Shadowing Day.	Careers Scheme of Work in PSCE, Careers assemblies; supporting careers in the curriculum. Interaction with employers and Post-16 Providers.
Year 10	Work experience placements; workplace visits; Careers assemblies; supporting careers in the curriculum. Interaction with employers and Post-16 Providers.	Work experience placements; work experience preparation; workplace visits; Careers assemblies; supporting careers in the curriculum; National Careers Week. Interaction with employers; Post 16 taster days programme.	Work experience preparation/reflection; Post:16 planning; Careers assemblies; supporting careers in the curriculum; Post 16 Taster days programme.
Year 11	Careers Opportunities Evening; apprenticeship opportunities; apprenticeship search and apply; Careers assemblies; supporting careers in the curriculum; Sheffield Progress applications; Interaction with employers and Post-16 Providers..	Sector specific education, training and employment information; Sheffield Progress applications; apprenticeship opportunities; apprenticeship search and apply; mock interviews; Careers assemblies; workplace visits; supporting careers in the curriculum; National Careers Week.	Sector specific career information; apprenticeship opportunities; apprenticeship search and apply; mock interviews.

Opportunities for Access

A number of events, integrated into the school's careers programme, offer providers opportunities to speak to students and parents and carers. These include:

- Careers Opportunities Evening
- National Careers Week
- National Apprenticeship Week
- Careers assemblies
- Post-16 provider assemblies
- Careers fairs
- Employer encounters
- Apprenticeship workshops
- Curriculum-linked careers activities
- Mock interviews
- Work experience activities
- Higher Education outreach activities
- Careers guidance events

Provider Access Programme

The programme ensures that all students have access to information about sixth forms, colleges, universities, apprenticeships, technical qualifications and employment opportunities.

Students participate in a progressive programme of:

- Careers Assemblies
- Careers SODA programme, including Labour Market Information (LMI) and Unifrog Careers sessions
- Employer / Provider encounters
- Careers guidance
- Work experience activities
- Careers education through PSHCE and the wider curriculum

Key Careers and Provider Encounters

	Careers Education and Provider Encounters
Year 7	Careers Assemblies; SODA Careers Programme; Labour Market Information (LMI); Unifrog careers learning; PSHCE Careers Education Programme; Higher Education Assembly delivered by University of Sheffield or Sheffield Hallam University; Restart a Heart Day with NHS careers input and CPR training; Work Experience Day including employer interactions and workplace learning activities; curriculum-linked careers learning.
Year 8	Careers Assemblies; SODA Careers Programme; Labour Market Information (LMI); Unifrog careers learning; National Careers Week; Big Challenge activities; Higher Education Assembly delivered by University of Sheffield or Sheffield Hallam University; Work Experience Day including employer interactions and workplace challenges; Work Shadowing opportunities; employer encounters.
Year 9	Careers Assemblies; SODA Careers Programme; Labour Market Information (LMI); Unifrog careers learning; PSHCE Careers Education Programme; KS4 Options Assemblies; individual Options Interviews; HEPPSY Higher Education Programme for targeted disadvantaged and vulnerable learners; Higher Education Assembly delivered by University of Sheffield or Sheffield Hallam University; Languages in the World of Work guest speaker; Work Experience Day including employer interactions and sector-based workshops; National Careers Week; Big Challenge activities; Options Evening.
Year 10	Careers Assemblies; SODA Careers Programme; Labour Market Information (LMI); Unifrog careers learning; Work Experience Programme; visit to Chapeltown Academy Sixth Form; Higher Education Assembly delivered by University of Sheffield or Sheffield Hallam University; Future Skills Day and Mock Interview Day; Apprenticeship Workshops; CV Writing Workshops; BE INSPIRED Apprenticeship Event; Careers Opportunities Evening; provider representatives at Parents' Evening.
Year 11	Careers Assemblies; SODA Careers Programme; Labour Market Information (LMI); Unifrog careers learning; Higher Education Assembly delivered by University of Sheffield or Sheffield Hallam University; Provider Assemblies from Chapeltown Academy Sixth Form, Rotherham College (RNN Group), Barnsley College, Barnsley Sixth Form College, Longley Park Sixth Form and Sheffield College; Careers Opportunities Evening; Sheffield Progress application support; individual Careers Guidance Interviews; Apprenticeship Workshops; post-16 transition support; provider representatives at Parents' Evening.

Providers, Employers and Partners We Work With

Sector	Examples of Partners
Universities & Higher Education	University of Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam University, University of Sheffield AMRC Training Centre, HEPPSY.
Colleges & Sixth Forms	Sheffield College, Rotherham College (RNN Group), Barnsley College, Chapeltown Academy Sixth Form, Longley Park Sixth Form, Notre Dame Sixth Form, High Storrs Sixth Form College, Barnsley Sixth Form College, Thomas Rotherham Sixth Form, Wath Academy Sixth Form.
Apprenticeships & Training	ASK Apprenticeships, BINDT Engineering & Apprenticeships and apprenticeship training providers
Public Services & Healthcare	South Yorkshire Police, The Army, DWP / Civil Service, NHS Sheffield Teaching Hospitals.
Employers & Industry	NEXT Retail, Unique School Solutions and a wide range of local employers supporting work experience, careers events and mock interviews
Sport & Specialist Providers	Sheffield United Community College, Sheffield Wednesday Community College, National Horseracing College.

Careers Opportunities Evening

Our annual Careers Opportunities Evening brings together over 30 organisations including universities, colleges, sixth forms, apprenticeship providers, employers, public services and training organisations. Students and families can explore academic, vocational and technical pathways and receive impartial progression advice. **Please contact us if you would like to be at our next event! 1 Oct 2026.**

Additional Careers and Transition Support

Additional support is available for students requiring enhanced guidance and transition planning, including:

- Individual Careers Guidance interviews.
- HEPPSY (Higher Ed) projects for disadvantaged and vulnerable learners.
- EHCP annual review support and Preparing for Adulthood planning.
- Sheffield Progress application support.
- Post-16 transition support.
- Work Experience support and placement guidance.
- Support for disadvantaged, vulnerable and SEND learners.
- Targeted intervention for students at risk of becoming NEET.

Enrichment, University and Employer Experiences

Students also benefit from a wide range of aspiration-raising and career-related experiences including:

- Girls in Maths HE trip and event; Music College visits. HEPPSY outreach/visits.
- Languages in the World of Work - guest speaker.
- Restart a Heart Day with NHS careers input.
- Employer guest speakers (Assemblies)
- National Careers Week; National Apprenticeship Week.
- Curriculum-linked careers encounters e.g. Artist virtual encounters; theatre visits and workshops
- KS3 Work Experience Day (virtual). Year 8/9 Work Shadowing opportunities.
- Year 10 Work Experience Programme (5 days)

Management of provider access: Request Procedure

A number of events which are integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to speak to students and/or their parents / carers.

Providers wishing to request access should contact:

Lorraine Buckley – Careers Leader

lbuckley@ecclesfield-mlt.co.uk 0114 246 1156 ext. 1150

The SLT Lead for Careers at Ecclesfield School is Stephanie McCoy (Assistant Headteacher)

Requests will be considered in line with the school's careers programme, safeguarding procedures and availability within the school calendar.

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 where possible; this will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit.

Providers and employers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant literature in the Careers Department or Careers Section of the School Library. The Careers Department is available to all students before school, after school, and at lunch time.

Safeguarding

All visitors are required to comply with the school's safeguarding and visitor procedures. Further information can be found within the school's safeguarding policy published on the school website. [Policies : Statutory Information : Ecclesfield School \(ecclesfield-school.com\)](#)

Monitoring and Review

This Provider Access Statement is reviewed annually to ensure continued compliance with Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, Provider Access Legislation and current Department for Education statutory careers guidance.

Approved by: Richard Walkden, Headteacher

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Compliance Check: *This statement includes the required student entitlement, provider access arrangements, named contact, facilities, safeguarding arrangements, provider encounter opportunities, careers guidance references and review arrangements expected under current DfE guidance for an 11-16 secondary school.*