Wallington High School for Girls Provider Access Policy

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Policy Notes

Policy may be subject to review and revision at any time by the Wallington Local Governing Body notwithstanding that the next review date has not been reached.

Review dates are for guidance only and whilst the intention is always to arrange reviews within the stated time frame all Policy Notes will remain in force until this has taken place and been formally approved by the Wallington Local Governing Body.

Wallington High School for Girls: Provider Access Policy

1. Aims of this policy

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to 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.

2. Pupil entitlement

All pupils in Years 8 to 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;
- 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;
- understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Number of pupil encounters

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of:

- First Key Phase (Years 8 and 9) - two encounters for pupils.
- Second Key Phase' (Years 10 and 11) - two encounters for pupils.
- Third Key Phase' (Years 12 and 13) - Particularly where pupils have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

Scheduling of pupil encounters

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- share information about both the provider and the approved technical education qualification and apprenticeships that the provider offers
- explain what career routes those options could lead to
- provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider (including the opportunity to meet staff and pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

Definition of Meaningful Provider Encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the Making it meaningful checklist.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

3. Previous External Careers Providers

In previous terms/years, Wallington High School have invited the following providers to provide careers support for the pupils:

Colleges

Coulsdon College
Croydon College
John Ruskin College
South Thames College Group • South Thames College • Carshalton College • Kingston College • Merton College

Independent Training Providers

JACE Training

Universities

University of Bath	Kings College London
University of Birmingham	Lancaster University
University of Brighton	University of Leicester
Brighton & Sussex Medical School	Loughborough University
University of Bristol	Norwich University of Arts
Cardiff University	University of Nottingham
City, University of London	University of Plymouth
University of Derby	Queen Mary's
University of Exeter	Royal Holloway
University of Gloucestershire	SOAS
Imperial College London	St George's
University of Kent	University of Surrey
University of Sussex	University of Warwick

Employers/Other

Vets 4 Pets	NHS
Civil Service – Cabinet Office	Investment 2020
Degree Apprenticeship Programme	Mishcon de Reya LLP
Investin	Twinings
Morgan Stanley	L&Q Group
Mott McDonald	Army
8billionideas	Daily Mail

4. Wallington High School for Girls Pupil Destinations

Last year a minority of our Year 11 pupils moved to a range of providers in the local area:

	2026	2025	2024	2023
% Retention from Year 11 to Year 12	87	82	79	88
Number of Year 11 Leavers	28	38	44	26

Last year our Year 13 pupils moved to a range of providers:

- 237 Applications to University
- 10 Degree Apprenticeships
- 1 Art Foundation
- 227 Accepted offers and are heading off to University
- 158 Firm choice, 41 Insurance choice
- 17 Clearing choice
- 6 Oxbridge (2 Cambridge/4 Oxford)
- 122 Russell Group

Top Accepted Universities:	**Destination Courses (Top):**
UCL (22)	Medicine (30)
Queen Mary University (20)	Engineering *Mech/Aero/Chem (27)
City St Georges (23)	Economics (22)
Kings College London (21)	Law (19)
Nottingham (10)	Finance (15)
Warwick (9)	Biomedical Science (15)
Birmingham (9)	Pharmacy (8)
Surrey (9)	Psychology (8)
LSE (7)	Computer Science (7)
Southampton (7)	Philosophy (6)
Loughborough (6)	Dentistry (3)
Bath (6)	Vet Med (2)
Bristol (6)	
Leeds (6)	
Oxford (4)	

5. Management of Provider Access Requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact
Jamie Parkinson, Careers Leader, jparkinson@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers a minimum of the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme.

Wallington High School will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents/ carers.

All pupils have access to independent careers advice, group sessions, careers drop ins and the UNIFROG and eclips packages.

Careers activities are also embedded into Wallington High School for Girls' curriculum.

Pupils and Providers can speak to the Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity. Those in bold below would be the most suitable times to attend but we would always do our best to accommodate.

Wallington High School for Girls Careers Programme

	Autumn Term	**Spring Term**	**Summer Term**
Year 8		PSHCE lessons about career choices.	**Makers of the Future Day**
Year 9		PSHCE lessons about KS4 Options KS4 Options Evening Daughters to Work Day KS4 Subject Presentations **GLT Careers Fair**	*No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February in Year 9*
Year 10	First Give Project	Personal finance lessons in PSHCE **Makers of the Future Careers Fair**	**Makers of the Future Day** PSHCE lessons on Post 16 Choices
Year 11	Sixth Form Open Evening PSHCE Sessions on Educated Choices	PSHCE lesson about KS5 options and WEX 1 to 1 Guidance Meetings Subject Option Talks **GLT Careers Fair** **Makers of the Future Careers Fair**	*No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February in Year 11*
Year 12	MMI practice interviews **Study in America Evening** **Oxbridge Evening** PSHCE lessons on Post 18 options and WEX **Career Lecture series**	**Makers of the Future Day – Talks on university life and Student Finance.** PSHCE lessons about Higher Education PSHCE lessons on UCAS and Open Days **GLT Careers Fair** **Makers of the Future Careers Fair**	**Personal Statement Day** UCAS Application Tutorials Work Experience 1 to 1 on UCAS applications and personal statement University Visits
Year 13	**Year 13 Interview Day** MMI practice Interviews Oxbridge practice interviews **Apprenticeship Programme**	PSHCE lessons on Student Finance **Makers of the Future Careers Fair**	*No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 13*

6. Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, 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 which will be put in the school library. The library is available to all pupils at lunch and break times. The school sends out weekly careers bulletins and providers are welcome to information to be included here.

7. Complaints

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk