



MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL



The King David High School Youth Service Support Provider Access Policy 2025 – 2026



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What has changed: September 2025

1. Expansion of entitlement: The duty now applies to Years 8–13 (previously Years 7–11).
2. Minimum six encounters: Schools must provide at least six encounters with providers of technical education and apprenticeships (two in Years 8–9, two in Years 10–11, and two in Years 12–13).
3. Mandatory vs optional attendance: Pupils in Years 8–11 must attend their encounters, while those in Years 12–13 must be offered two encounters, but attendance is optional.



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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This policy statement sets out King David High School's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to pupils for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer.
- 1.2 It is developed in line with the school's statutory duties under:
- Sections 42A, 42B, 45 and 45A of the Education Act 1997
 - Section 72 of the Education and Skills Act 2008
 - Schedule 4 (15) of the School Information (England) Regulations 2008
 - The updated Provider Access Legislation (PAL) which came into force in January 2023.

2.0 Pupil Entitlement

- 2.1 All pupils in **Years 8–13** are entitled:
- To learn about the full range of education, training, and employment opportunities available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.
 - To hear from a range of approved providers of technical education and apprenticeships, through events such as assemblies, workshops, and fairs.
 - To understand how to apply for the full range of academic and technical courses.

3.0 Provider Encounters

- 3.1 In line with the Provider Access Legislation (PAL), King David High School will ensure that every pupil has the following **six encounters** with providers of technical education and apprenticeships:
- **Years 8–9:** Two encounters (mandatory attendance)
 - **Years 10–11:** Two encounters (mandatory attendance)
 - **Years 12–13:** Two encounters (attendance optional, but opportunities provided)
- 3.2 Each encounter will be **meaningful**, giving pupils the chance to:
- Meet providers in person.
 - Learn what technical courses and apprenticeships involve.
 - Ask questions about progression routes, opportunities, and career pathways.

4.0 Opportunities for Access

- 4.1 A number of events, integrated into the school's careers programme, provide opportunities for providers to meet pupils and/or their parents/carers. These may include:
- Careers lessons and workshops
 - Parents' evenings



- Industry-specific assemblies and workshops
- Careers fairs
- Inspirational speaker sessions
- Option assemblies
- Mock interviews
- Work experience briefings
- Apprenticeship and T Level information sessions
- Study skills and progression workshops

5.0 Access Requests

5.1 Providers wishing to request access should contact:

Tim Chappelle

Careers Leader

King David High School

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5.2 Requests will be considered promptly, and the school will aim to accommodate all reasonable requests, subject to the needs of pupils and the school calendar.

6.0 Premises and Facilities

6.1 The school will make appropriate rooms (e.g. the main hall, classrooms, or meeting rooms) available for provider encounters, along with necessary equipment for presentations.

6.2 This will be agreed in advance with the Careers Leader.

6.3 Providers may leave copies of prospectuses, course literature, and other materials in the school library and Sixth Form study areas, which are accessible to all pupils.

7.0 Grounds for Refusal

7.1 The school reserves the right to decline requests for access where:

- The provider's offer does not comply with statutory guidance.
- The timing clashes with other essential school activities.
- The provider is not an approved/recognised education or training body.