

2025

Provider Access Policy



SOUTHCHURCH
HIGH SCHOOL

Review Framework

The policy should be reviewed **every two years** (or sooner in the event of revised legislation or guidance)

	Date
This policy was created:	November 2025
It was ratified by the Governing Body [Chair's Action] on:	24 November, 2025
Review date:	November 2027

Introduction

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.

Statutory requirements

Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in Year 8-13 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.

Student Entitlement

Southchurch High School fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The school will comply with the legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. These will be provided during assemblies and Careers Carousels in Years 8 and 10.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between students and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all students using the [Making it meaningful checklist](#).

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Ali Smith, Careers Leader.

Telephone: 01702 900777

Email: asmith@southchurchschool.com

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme.

We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students or their parents or carers.

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

Premises and facilities

Southchurch High 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. Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our students. 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. Providers will be met and supervised by the Careers Team who will facilitate.

Complaints

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school's Complaints Procedure.

Appendix

Previous providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our students:

- South Essex College
- USP College
- Amazing Apprenticeships
- AIM Group
- Central Training Group
- Beauty Skills Academy
- Southend Adult Community College
- University of Essex
- University Centre, South Essex
- Belfairs Academy
- Cecil Jones Academy
- St Thomas More High School
- St Bernards High School
- Shoeburyness High School
- Chase High School
- SUFC
- The King Edmund School
- Writtle College