# Provider Access Policy 2026-27

The Policy will be reviewed either:

- Annually.
- When statutory guidance changes.
- When incidents may dictate the need for review.

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# Provider Access Policy Statement

## Ownership: The Albion Academy

## Date updated: September 2026

## Rationale

High quality careers education and guidance in school is critical to young people's futures. It helps to prepare them for the workplace by providing a clear understanding of the world of work including the routes to jobs and careers that they might find engaging and rewarding. It supports them to acquire the self-development and career management skills they need to achieve positive employment destinations. This helps students to choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy.

As the number of apprenticeships rises every year, it becomes increasingly important that all young people have a full understanding of all the options available to them post-16 and post-18 including wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

## Commitment

The Albion Academy is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. The Albion Academy is fully aware of the responsibility to set students on the path that will secure the best outcome which will enable them to progress in education and work and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means acting impartially, in line with statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

The Albion Academy endeavors to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and can access information on technical options and apprenticeships (The Department of Education, July 2021: "Baker Clause": supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options, and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023).

## Aims

The Albion Academy policy for Access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

To develop the knowledge and awareness of our students of all career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.

To support young people to be able to learn more about opportunities for education and training outside of school before making crucial choices about their future options.

To reduce drop out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people

not in education, employment or training).

## Student Entitlement

The Albion Academy 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 new legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. This will be done through providers attending various careers events at the school.

## Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager Mr R Davies based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

## Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Child Protection, Equality and Diversity, and SEND.

## Equality and Diversity

Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all students to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. Campion School is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

## Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to Mr R Davies (Careers Leader) or Mr R Stevens (Careers Coordinator) who may be contacted by telephone, 0161 359 5100, or email Ross.Davies@albionacademy.co.uk or richard.stevens@albionacademy.co.uk

## Grounds for Granting Requests for Access

Access will be granted to education and training providers to engage with students through a range of planned careers activities and events organised by The Albion Academy. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Careers fairs
- Employer and provider assemblies
- The 'So You Wanna Be a...' guest speaker series
- Careers-themed form time and pastoral curriculum sessions
- Enrichment and Character Days
- College and sixth form information events
- Apprenticeship and technical education presentations
- Mock interview and employability workshops
- STEM enrichment activities
- Employer encounters and workplace visits

Students may also visit education and training providers as part of organised educational visits, including university visits, college taster days, workplace encounters and other careers-related trips arranged by The Albion Academy.

Requests for access will be considered in line with the school's careers programme, ensuring that all students in Years 8 to 11 receive meaningful encounters with a range of approved education and training providers in accordance with the Provider Access Legislation (PAL).

Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

The Albion Academy will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Leader will organise this, working closely with the provider to ensure the facilities are appropriate for the audience. Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers will be met and supervised by a member of the Careers Team who will facilitate.

## Live/Virtual encounters

The Albion Academy will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school assembly hall. Technology checks in advance will be required to ensure compatibility of systems.

## Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

## Management

The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to his/her senior management line manager.

## Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to Ross Davies email: Ross.Davies@albionacademy.co.uk**.** Mr R Davies will raise the complaint to Miss G Gardiner (Head of school) of The Albion Academy

## Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Senior Leadership Team.

***Policy Coordinator:*** Mr R Davies

***Policy Reviewed:*** *September 2026*

**Appendix: Providers and Employers Engaged with The Albion Academy**

The Albion Academy works with a wide range of education providers, employers and organisations to provide students with meaningful encounters that broaden aspirations, raise awareness of future pathways and support informed decision-making.

Providers and employers who have engaged with students to date include:

**Higher Education and Outreach Partners**

- GM Higher
- Channel 4
- University and higher education outreach partners

**Further Education and Training Providers**

- Salford City College
- Xaverian College
- Bury College
- Loretto College
- Access Creative College
- Salford City Apprenticeships

**Employers and Apprenticeship Providers**

- Siemens
- HMRC
- EY
- BBC Apprenticeships

This list is not exhaustive and The Albion Academy continues to develop partnerships with a diverse range of employers, universities, colleges and training providers to ensure students have access to a broad range of careers information, advice and guidance.

**Further Education Colleges and Sixth Forms**

- Salford City College Group (including Pendleton Sixth Form College, Eccles Sixth Form College and FutureSkills)
- Xaverian College
- Loreto College
- Bury College
- The Manchester College
- Access Creative College

**Apprenticeships and Training Providers**

- Salford City Apprenticeships
- Apprenticeship providers across Greater Manchester
- Employer-led apprenticeship programmes

**Higher Education Pathways**

- Universities across Greater Manchester and the wider UK including Oxford & Cambridge.