



# **Provider Access Policy Statement**

**September 2025**

*(To be reviewed September 2026)*

# Introduction

This statement sets out Larches High School's arrangements for managing access to pupils by education and training providers, in line with the legal requirements of Section 42B of the *Education Act 1997* (as amended by the *Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022*).

## Pupil Entitlement

All pupils in Years 8–11 are entitled to:

- Information about the full range of education and training options available to them, including technical education qualifications and apprenticeships.
- The opportunity for at least **six encounters** with approved providers of technical education or apprenticeships during the school day:
  - **Years 8–9:** Two encounters
  - **Years 10–11:** Two encounters
- Meaningful encounters that include information on courses, what learning is like, career pathways, and opportunities for Q&A.

## Management of Provider Access Requests

A range of events and opportunities are integrated into the school careers programme. Providers are welcome to contribute through:

- Personal Development lessons
- Careers fairs
- Workplace visits and taster days
- Small group workshops and one-to-one sessions

The school will make available appropriate spaces, equipment, and facilities to support provider presentations.

## Requests for Access

Education and training providers should contact:

**Careers Leader:** Sharon Settle  
**Email:** s.settle@larches.lancs.sch.uk  
**Telephone:** 01772 792412

Requests will be considered in line with the school calendar and programme priorities.

## Policy Review

This statement will be reviewed annually and published on the school website.

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**Next review date:** September 2026