Provider Access Legislation (PAL) Statement
Thornhill Community Academy
September 2026

Introduction
This policy statement sets out the academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the academy's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Pupil entitlement
All pupils in years 8-13 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;
- To 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;
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Management of provider access requests
Procedure- A provider wishing to request access should contact, Megan Walker, Careers Leader, Telephone: 01924 324890/ megan.walker@sharemat.co.uk

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into the academy to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers (please see our Careers Policy)

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

Premises and facilities

The school will make the appropriate rooms or areas 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.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature in the Careers Hub in our school library. We will additionally be happy to widely promote and advertise any vacancies which you may have for part time work or apprenticeship opportunities on our vacancies board. The library is available to all students at lunch and break times and after school until 4pm. Students can access resources during their one-to-one guidance interviews or other appropriate targeted group work.

Approval and review

Head teacher: Mr Matthew Burton

Signature and date  27/09/2026

Date of next review: September 2027