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From 2 January 2018 all local-authority-maintained schools and academies must give education and training providers the opportunity to talk to pupils in years 8 to 13 about approved technical qualifications and apprenticeships.

1. What schools need to do

Schools must have clear arrangements in place to ensure that all pupils have opportunities to hear from providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 options at, and leading up to, important transition points:

- At 14: studio schools, university technical colleges, further education colleges, in relation to any opportunities for 14-year-old enrolment
- At 16: apprenticeship providers, further education colleges, sixth form colleges, work-based training providers
- At 18: apprenticeship providers, higher education providers

2. Publishing a policy statement

You must explain in a policy statement how providers can get involved with your school and the opportunities you have for them to talk to your pupils. This must be published on the school website.

You should include the following information in your policy statement:

- What providers need to do to request access
- The rules for granting and refusing access
- What providers can expect once granted access

An [example policy statement](#) is available for guidance.

Further details will be available in the statutory guidance for schools, available from January 2018.

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