



Careers at St Martins School

Policy statement on provider access 2023

ST MARTINS SCHOOL: Provider Access Policy

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. It also supports Gatsby benchmark 7 "Implement a progressive programme that broadens horizons, and scaffolds development of the knowledge and understanding required for students to identify their best next steps, from when students join you2

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8 to 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.

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for year 8 to 9 pupils and two encounters for year 10 to 11 pupils.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- share information about both the provider and the approved technical education qualification and apprenticeships that the provider offers
- explain what career routes those options could lead to
- provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider (Including the opportunity to meet staff and pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider.

We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the [Making it meaningful checklist](#).

Previous providers

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

- Work Pays/Ask
- Aico
- Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Hospital Trust



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- Colleg Cambria
- Thomas Adams
- Moreton Hall

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

School Sixth Form 1.8%

Sixth Form College 8.8%

Further Education 78.9%

Apprenticeship 8.8%

These include Coleg Cambria, North Shropshire College, Thomas Adams, Moreton Hall

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact **Hannah Weaver, Assistant Head, via email to reception@stm.318education.co.uk**

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text) 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 pupils or their parents or carers. Please speak to our Careers Leader Hannah Weaver to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms, or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, 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 pupils.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers area of our 'Hub', which is managed by the school librarian. This area is available to all pupils at lunch and break times.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via careershub@marcheslep.org.uk

Review

Next review: July 2024