

St Mary's Catholic College

Provider Access Policy - Archived – 2023-2024 (with info. On 2022-2023 incl.)

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.

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;
- 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;
- 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 pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11). For pupils in the 'third key phase' (year 12 to 13), particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

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](#).

Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Previous providers

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

- BBC – Apprenticeships
- ASK – apprenticeship support
- Nestle’ – apprenticeships
- Home Office/Civil Service - apprenticeships
- Airbus – apprenticeships
- Armed Forces - apprenticeships
- Wirral Metropolitan FE College
- LLS Sports Academy
- Steven Gerrard Academy
- Reeseheath Agricultural College
- LIPA

In 2023-2024, we have added:

- Aldi/IDG
- Hugh Baird
- AirProducts
- Birkenhead Sixth Form College

Going forward, we will continue to build meaningful partnerships with a variety of further education and higher education establishments, as well as consolidating and developing our relationships with local and national business organisations. In addition, we will add to our Alumni as former students leave us to pursue what we hope will be truly rewarding futures.

Destinations of our pupils

Last year (Sept. 2023) our year 11 pupils moved to a range of providers as detailed below:

Destination	Number of students
Apprenticeship	3
Armed Forces	1
Birkenhead Sixth Form	12
Construction course	1
City of Liverpool	1
Employment	1
Engineering College	1
Football Academies	3
LIPA	2
Myerscough	1
NEET	16
Rare Studio Liverpool	2
Reaseheath	1

Trade Industry	1
St Mary's Sixth Form	91
Wirral Met	36
Total	173

Destinations of our pupils - continued

Last year (Sept. 2023) our **year 13** pupils moved to a range of providers after leaving sixth form:

Number of students	Destination for Year 13 - Sept 2023
2	Liverpool University
1	Bangor University
8	Employment
6	LJMU
6	Apprenticeship
3	Wirral Metropolitan College
2	Keele University
1	Manchester Metropolitan college
5	LMA
4	Chester University
1	Northampton University
4	Liverpool Hope University
3	Edge Hill
2	University of Liverpool
2	Wrexham university
1	Bournemouth University
5	SMCC
1	Armed Forces (marines)
1	Leeds University
1	Liverpool College
4	Unknown
4	Gap Year
2	NEET online course
69	TOTAL

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Les Wellens

Careers Lead – HFCMAT

Via email – leswellens@hfcmat.com

Or contact by phone – 0151 639 7531 – Extension 208

Opportunities for access

The school facilitates at least six ‘training provider’ encounters, during the three ‘key phases’, on a rolling basis, as required by law (**marked in bold text**), as well as a number of additional ‘whole year’ events, integrated into the school careers programme.

An overview of the last two ‘full calendar’ years is provided below. Provisional dates for planned events for 2024-2025 are in the school calendar and will be added to as the year progresses, dependent on events being sourced and requests agreed.

CAREERS S 2023-24					
YEAR GROUP	EVENT	EVENT	EVENT	EVENT	EVENT
YEAR 7	Careers Fair – whole school event – 38 exhibitors including FE/HE/Employers and armed	Educational Development Trust/Avantor – STEM Workshop – half day off t/table 11/12/23	National Careers Challenge (NCC) – TILG and presented by AirProducts 5/3/23	Assembly – Chris Lubbe (former bodyguard to Nelson Mandela) presentation – 8/5/24	

	services – 10/11/23				
YEAR 8	Careers Fair – whole school event – 38 exhibitors including FE/HE/ Employers 10-11-23	Assembly Presentation Royal Air Force MOD 11/6/24			
YEAR 9	Aldi/Internati onal Development Group –Employabilit y skills online workshop (17/10/23)	Careers Fair – whole school event – 38 exhibitors including FE/HE/Employe rs and armed services – 10/11/23	Apprenticeship/Su pport /Knowledge - ASK Assembly – Jo Bateman – 7/2/24	Assembly – Army – 28/2/24	Options Evening – whole school event 7/3/24
YEAR 10	Careers Fair – whole school event – 38 exhibitors including FE/HE/Empl oyers and armed services – 10/11/23	National Careers Challenge – TILG – ‘School of the Future’ – Atkins Realis presentation (Architect Maream Murza) 6/3/24	Work Experience Week – whole year group – 8 th to 12 th July inclusive		
YEAR 11	Careers Fair – whole school event – 38 exhibitors including FE/HE/Empl oyers and armed services – 10/11/23	Sixth Form Open Evening – attended by Liverpool Hope/Lancaster /Chester/Durha m/UCLAN/LJM U – 14/11/23			
	Careers Fair – whole school event – 38 exhibitors including FE/HE/Employ ers and armed services – 10/11/23	Assembly – Edge Hill – Intro. To higher Education and university life (cMcCellenboro ugh)	NCC – National Careers Challenge – stocks and shares challenge – NatWest – 7/3/24 Hosted by TILG	Assembly – Mock Interview Presentation (LW/K) 11/6/24	UCAS Presentation and ‘Meet The Universities’ - Liverpool ACC, Kings Dock 14/6/24

YEAR 12	Careers Fair – whole school event – 38 exhibitors including FE/HE/Employers and armed services – 10/11/23				
YEAR 12 (Additional)	Mock Interview Day – 7 external interviewers/employers 2/7/24	Edge Hill Campus Visit – whole year group – 5/7/24 (booked)	Work Experience Week – whole year group – 8 th to 12 th July inclusive		
Year 13	Careers Fair – whole school event – 38 exhibitors including FE/HE/Employers and armed services – 10/11/23	Assembly – Lancaster University (Jake Brown) – 27/11/23	Assembly – Edge Hill – ‘Transition to University’ – CM – 5/2/24	Assembly – Student Finance Liverpool John Moores Uni (LJMU – C Shillitoe – 5/5/24	

CAREERS 2022-23	SMCC				
YEAR GROUP	EVENT	EVENT	EVENT	EVENT	EVENT
YEAR 7	Unifrog Enrichment 18/10/22	BBC Visit - 'Meet our Employees' 6/12/22	National Careers Challenge - TILG - 7/3/23		
YEAR 8	BBC Visit - 'Meet our Employees' 6/12/22	National Careers Challenge - TILG - 8/3/23	LLS Assembly presentation - 26-6-23		
YEAR 9	BBC Visit - 'Meet our Employees' 6/12/22	Nestle' Option Choice/Key Skills sessions x 3 off timetable - 25/1/23 - 8/2/23-15/2/23			

YEAR 10	BBC Story-telling Event - 12/10/22	Reeseheath Agricultural College Assembly 29/3/23	Cambridge University Assembly - 7/6/23	Wirral Met. Assembly - 14/6/23	Work Experience Week - all students with employers - 10/7/23
YEAR 11	BBC Story-telling Event - 12/10/22	Sixth Form Information Evening - 5 x universities plus Ignite - 15/11/22	Work Experience Week - all students with employers - 12/12/22		
YEAR 12	BBC Story-telling Event - 12/10/22	ASK Assembly - 9/2/23	Mock Interview Day - 8 employer interviewers - 8/3/23	National Careers Challenge TILG - 9/3/23	Airbus Assembly 19/4/23
Year 13	BBC Story-telling Event - 12/10/22				

PLEASE NOTE - the full careers programme (detailing all events) for each year group is available on the school website under the 'careers section'. As well as 'fixed' dates, the programme is fluid and events will be added retrospectively also, as new opportunities for collaboration arise.

We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers.

Please speak to our Careers Lead 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 who can 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 Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian, or the sixth form

'careers information' area. The Resource Centre 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;

provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

Approval and review

Approved [date] by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee

Next review: [date]

Signed: [Rachael Clarke] Chair of Governors

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