



Policy Statement on Provider Access

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble”

46 Psalm 1-3

Saint John Wall Catholic 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.

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8 to 11 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 pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11).

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:

- Access to Music
- Amazon
- Aston University
- ASK
- Assistant Police Crime Commissioner
- BIMM Institute of Music
- BMET
- Cadbury college
- Capital One
- Central Saint Michaels Sixth Form
- CSG Publications
- Cyber Explorers
- Design and Technology Association
- Dudley College
- DWP
- Fire and Rescue Event
- Future Makers Show
- Group Careers guidance meetings for pathways
- Hyett Education
- Honda
- Ibis Hotel
- IFS
- IFS work experience
- Kenelm Youth Trust
- King Edwards, Stourbridge
- Med Minds (UoB)
- National Trust – Back to back museum
- NHS
- PCSO visit
- RAF
- Recret8 Theatre Company
- REPL group
- Sandwell college
- Severn Trent
- SCCB
- Urban Planning workshop
- Vocations Office
- West Midlands Police

Destinations of our pupils

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

- Access Creative College
- Aldersley School
- Arthur Terry 6th Form
- Aston Engineering Academy
- Aston Manor 6th Form
- Birmingham Ormiston College
- BMET
- Cadbury College
- Cadbury College – Solihull
- Central St Michael's College
- Halesowen College
- Hamstead Hall Academy
- Handsworth Grammar
- Handsworth wood for Girls
- Holte School
- Holyhead 6th Form
- James Watt College
- Joseph Chamberlain College
- King Edwards 6th Form Aston
- King Edwards Aston
- Mathew Boulton
- Sandwell Academy
- Sandwell College
- South & City College
- St. Michael's 6th Form College
- Sutton Coldfield College
- University of Birmingham School
- University College Birmingham
- Walsall College
- Wolverhampton College

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact S Crooks, Careers Leader, careers@sjw.bham.sch.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 to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Academic Year plans

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	St Mary's Church- Volunteering sector/Charity. St Chad's Sanctuary- Charity Police- careers talk. Alton Castle Trip- Future leaders. Apprentice Masterclass	St Mary's Church- Volunteering sector/Charity. St Chad's Sanctuary- Charity YGBC – Charity and enterprise Friends of the Forces – Cadets Capital One IFS Cyber Explorers	St Mary's Church- Volunteering sector/Charity. St Chad's Sanctuary- Charity YGBC – Charity and enterprise
Year 8	St Mary's Church- Volunteering sector/Charity. Active Travel Ambassadors- Modeshift Kenelm Youth Trust- Charity and youth work. Trip to Birmingham Hippodrome- She's Royal. Birmingham Medical Society Connect Futures Apprentice Masterclass	St Mary's Church- Volunteering sector/Charity. Active Travel Ambassadors- Modeshift University of Birmingham – Tertiary Education, careers pathways Elevate – careers and skills	St Mary's Church- Volunteering sector/Charity. Active Travel Ambassadors- Modeshift
Year 9	Started Pathway options St Chad's Sanctuary CSG Publications – Poet talks	Soli House Trip – team building residential trip – vocation Cyber explorers (March) WMPolice (March) Vocations office (March) Severn Trent	St Chad's Sanctuary – Charity Witness week – Prison Me No way! My Path - Enterprise
Year 10	Weekly Worship with Work Experience advisor West Mid Police – DNA and forensic session Red Cross – first aid BHM speakers – bounce stats	Severn Trent Meetings with Work Experience advisor University of Birmingham – maths group(s)	Work Experience Technical/vocational tasters at local college training providers
Year 11	Post 16 open evenings Post 16 Assemblies with providers- Varying Post 16 Trips Meeting with careers advisor Applications Careers at parents evening	Interviews at providers Assemblies with providers Trips National apprenticeships week assembly Application and interview support	

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.

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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. 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

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(This policy will remain in force beyond the review date if no updates are required)