Holy Trinity 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 48 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.

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](#).

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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:

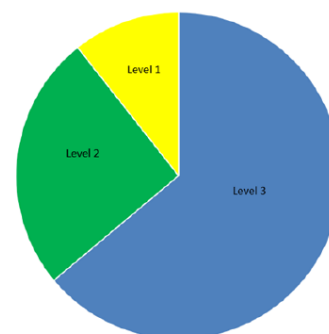|		
Wilmott Dixon	Irwin Mitchell	Gordon Franks Training
St John's Ambulance	Barclays Bank	The Army
Solicitors Regulation Authority	Powering Transformation- Dell	Lloyds bank

Destination of our pupils

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

Providers	No. Young People	
	2023	2022
Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College (JCC)	30	32
Solihull Sixth Form College	21	14
Solihull College - Blossomfield Campus	21	6
SCCB - South & City College	11	18
University College Birmingham (UCB)	11	4
BMetC - Birmingham Metropolitan College	9	11
Cadbury Sixth Form College	8	11
Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School	3	0
Aston University Engineering Academy	2	4
Sandwell College - West Bromwich Campus	2	0
Bordesley Green Girls' School & Sixth Form	1	1
King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys	1	0
Plantsbrook School	1	0
The University of Birmingham School	0	5
King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys	0	2
Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School	0	1
King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls	0	1
Moseley School and Sixth Form	0	1
Waverley School	0	1

Destinations	No. Young People	
	2023	2022
Further Education - 6th Form College	59	58
Further Education	54	42
Further Education - School 6th Form	8	14
Seeking Education Employment or Training	2	3
NALM - Illness	1	0
Not Known	1	0
Other Post-16 Education	1	0
Employed FT - non-accredited training	0	1
	126	118

Qualification Level	No. Young People	
	2023	2022
Level 3	78	77
Level 2	31	30
Level 1	13	5
Entry Level	0	3

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Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact- Aurora Backhouse (Career Lead) Email: abackhouse@holytrc.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 career 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.

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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

Approval and Review:

Approved:

Next Review:

Signed:

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