

St Richard's Catholic College

ST RICHARD'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY



The Policy was approved by the Governing Body: March 2022

Chair of Governors: *Alison Horan*

The Governing Body will review the policy in March 2023

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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at 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 8-13 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.

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mrs Adams, Careers Lead, Telephone: 01424 7131070 Ext: 244, Email: mrsadamsc@strichardscs.com

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Careers and employer fair	Life Skills – tutor group opportunities	
Year 9	Careers and employer fair KS4 Options event	Life Skills tutor group opportunities	
Year 10	Careers and employer fair	Life Skills – Work Experience preparation sessions	Life Skills – Work Experience preparation sessions Post-16 taster sessions
Year 11	Life Skills – assemblies on opportunities at 16. Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options Careers and employer fair		

Please speak to our Careers Leader 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.

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.

Safeguarding

All visitors to the school are provided with a copy of our safeguarding procedures and will be fully supervised by a member of staff.