

City of Stoke on Trent Sixth form college Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the College's arrangements for managing the access of providers to the college for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the College's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Pupil entitlement

All students 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;
- to hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through events, speakers and visits;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic, technical courses and apprenticeships

All students, but particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, are entitled to a minimum of two provider encounters during their time at the College. These are optional for students to attend.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main college 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 students from the provider)
- answer questions from students.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between students and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all students 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:

- Over 50 employers from a wide range of sectors
- Over 30 Universities including both local providers, Russell Group and those offering Degree apprenticeships
- 10 local apprenticeship providers
- Approximately 20 local volunteering organisations

Destinations of our pupils

	2022		2021	2020		
Actual Destination	No	%	No	%	No	%
Apprenticeship	26	3.9	31	4.6	11	1.9
Employment*	68	10.2	48	7.2	59	10.2
Gap Year*	25	3.8	23	3.4	10	1.7
HE*	486	73.0	480	72.0	431	74.4
NEET	27	4.1	5	0.7	40	6.9
FE*	9	1.4	8	1.2	6	1.0
Unknown	25	3.8	72	10.8	22	3.8
TOTAL	666	100	667	100	579	100

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Sally Spencer, Futures Coordinator.

Opportunities for access

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Careers in curriculum Employers, Apprenticeship Providers and HE Providers are able to speak to students in relevant curriculum areas at any time during the year. To arrange to deliver a talk/workshop/professional brief, please contact the Futures Coordinator.	Careers in curriculum Employers, Apprenticeship Providers and HE Providers are able to speak to students in relevant curriculum areas at any time during the year. To arrange to deliver a talk/workshop/professional brief, please contact the Futures Coordinator.	Careers in curriculum Employers, Apprenticeship Providers and HE Providers are able to speak to students in relevant curriculum areas at any time during the year. To arrange to deliver a talk/workshop/professional brief, please contact the Futures Coordinator.

This term we welcome Volunteering / Work Experience organisations to set up stands in the Atrium as part of the student induction period.	Futures Fair Bringing together Universities, Employers, Apprenticeship Providers and volunteering organisations. All students attend	HE Evening for parents of Y1 students A range of universities attend to speak to parents on subjects such as student finance; making applications to a competitive university; degree apprenticeships.
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Premises and facilities

The college will make the communal spaces, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The college 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 Futures Coordinator 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 Futures Hub. The hub is accessible to all students during college hours.

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 by SMT

Next review: 23-2-24

Signed: *[name]* Chair of Governors

[name] Head teacher