



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY 2024 - 26

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the college's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at 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 and the new legislation set out in the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 and updated in 2023.

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 assemblies, 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

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access to students in KS5 should contact Mr G. Smith Assistant Principal Telephone 0207 237 6432 Email: contact@stmichaelscollege.org.uk

A provider wishing to request access to students in KS3 and 4 should contact Mr A. Daly, Assistant Principal,

Telephone: 0207 237 6432 Email: contact@stmichaelscollege.org.uk

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:

Specific Events include: Careers and enterprise week July: Years 8 – 9 and 12

Further Education Evening – June - Year 12

Specific dates for these are available on the college website.

In compliance with new provider access requirements from the DFE January 23, the college ensures through careers and enterprise week at KS3, which runs annually, that by Year 9 all students have had 2 encounters with a provider of technical education or apprenticeships and through the work with Career Ready at KS5 that there are encounters which are optional for the

students to attend. At KS4 all students attend Southwark Careers fair and from 2024 there will be a bespoke assembly using ASK.

These events will run in line with any measures related to public health incidents, including COVID-19.

Granting and refusing access

Access to students may only take place when it will not disrupt the learning of the students.

Access will be refused when students are sitting exams both internal and public examinations.

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school’s procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

Premises and facilities

Providers will be able to specify the equipment they need once the visit has been agreed.

Reviewed June 2024

Signed by the Chair of the Committee:..... Date

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