



Provider Access Policy

ACCESS TO A FULL RANGE OF LEARNING PROVIDERS: *Sixth Forms and Further Education Colleges, Apprenticeship & Training providers, University Technical Colleges and Studio Schools*

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This policy statement sets out Saint George Catholic College's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students to inform them about approved technical educational qualifications and apprenticeships. This is written in accordance with the statutory requirements under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, commonly referred to as the Baker Clause.
- 1.2 The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all students in YR8-YR11 are provided with opportunities to learn about technical education and apprenticeship/t-level routes as part of their broader career development program.

2. Student Entitlement

- 2.1 All students in Year 8 to 11 at Saint George Catholic College are entitled to:
 - a) Learn about technical education and apprenticeship opportunities through various means, including career fairs, assemblies, employer visits and personal guidance sessions
 - b) Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities available for academic and vocational pathways, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships
 - c) Access career advice and guidance that reflects a range of learning and employment pathways to make informed decisions about their future

3. Management of provider access requests

a) Procedure

Education and training providers who wish to request access to Saint George Catholic College should contact:

Roxanne Wharton (Careers Advisor)
Email – rwharton@stgcc.co.uk
Tel – 02380 670181

4. Opportunities for access

- 4.1 A number of events are integrated into the school's career education program, offering providers the opportunity to speak with students about vocational qualifications, apprenticeships, and other technical routes. These events may include:
 - a) **Key Stage 3 (Year 7)** – Internal careers day, full access to our online career platform (Morrisby) celebration of National Careers Week, PSHE sessions. External speaker during assembly covering technical pathways.
 - b) **Key Stage 3 (Years 8 and 9)** Career enrichment days hosted by our external provider EBP, full access to our online career platform (Morrisby), external employer visits and events, PSHE, celebration of National Careers Week, sessions relating to careers and technical pathways, local collaboration with universities, and employer-led presentations.
 - c) **Key Stage 4 (Year 10)** Career fairs, individual guidance sessions, employer and provider external workshop visits, apprenticeship and college information sessions, celebration of

National Careers Week, 2-week work experience, enrichment days, full access to our online career platform (Morrisby), PSHE sessions relating to careers and technical pathways, college open days.

- d) **Key Stage 4 (Year 11)** 1-1 career guidance, assemblies delivered by a wide range of colleges and providers discussing technical qualifications, career information evenings, employer and provider external visits, celebration of National Careers Week, full access to our online career platform (Morrisby), PSHE sessions relating to careers and technical pathways, college open days. Access to up-to-date labour market information and resources.

4.2 The specific schedule of all career events will be published on the school website annually.

5. Premises and Facilities

5.1 Saint George Catholic College will make suitable spaces available to accommodate provider visits, whether that is through assemblies, workshops, or one-to-one meetings. Audio-visual equipment and IT facilities will be made available subject to prior arrangement.

5.2 Providers are welcome to distribute their promotional materials such as brochures and prospectuses to all students. These can also be made available in the schools designated careers area.

5.3 Please send any promotional materials to:

The Careers Department
Saint George Catholic College
Leaside Way, Swaythling, Southampton SO16 3DQ

6. Safeguarding

6.1 All providers attending Saint George Catholic College must adhere to our schools safeguarding policies. Any external visitors must follow the necessary safeguarding checks, including signing in at reception, wearing appropriate identification and ensuring compliance with the school's visitor protocol.

6.2 A copy of the schools safeguarding policy is available on the school website or by request.

7. Review

7.1 This policy will be reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team, Careers Leader and Advisor, and Governors to ensure it remains effective, up-to-date and aligned with career policies.