



Provider Access Policy

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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 purposes 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.

Student entitlement

Students 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 evenings, 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 should contact Steven Christopher, Senior Assistant Vice Principal (steve.christopher@dstc.kent.sch.uk) or Kwesi Bekoe, Careers Leader (Kwesi.bekoe@dstc.kent.sch.uk).

Opportunities for access

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

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Employer Engagement Session.	Employer Engagement Session. Apprenticeship Assembly.	Employer Engagement Session.
Year 9	Employer Engagement Session.	Employer Engagement Session. KS4 options event. Apprenticeship Assembly.	Employer Engagement Session.
Year 10	Employer Engagement Session.	Employer Engagement Session.	Employer Engagement Session. Apprenticeship Assembly.
Year 11	Work Experience.	Post 16 taster day. Health Care Science Careers	Careers Fair.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	Careers Morning. Post 16 evening	Talk.	Apprenticeship assembly.
Year 12	Post 18 apprenticeships assembly.	Health Care Science Carers talk and carousel.	Work Experience. Apprenticeship workshops.
Year 13	Post 18 apprenticeships assembly. Higher Education Parents Evening.	Health Care Science Carers talk and carousel. Apprenticeship workshops.	

The College policy on Safeguarding sets out the College's approach to allowing providers into the College as visitors to talk to our students. All providers are given a copy of Keeping Children Safe in Education: Part 1 (2016) and the College's Safeguarding summary leaflet, which sets out the names of the DSL and Deputy DSL.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the Main Hall, Classrooms, Conference Room or Meeting Rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available audio/visual (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 staff member organising the visit.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature in the Careers section of the College Library and in the Sixth Form HUB. The College Library and the HUB are available to students at break and lunch times as well as after school.