



Provider Access Statement

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Dartford Science and Technology College

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Introduction

This statement sets out the arrangements for managing the access of providers to students of Dartford Science and Technology College, for the purposes 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, as amended by the Technical and Further Education Act 2017.

Management of provider access requests

Opportunities for access

Our careers provision offers various opportunities for students to access a range of events. These are embedded into our careers programme and curriculum, as well as hosting annual events that provide such opportunities. The integrated events are usually delivered internally, with the contribution of external providers where necessary.

All our students are entitled to find out about Technical Education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities. This will be done through option events, assemblies, group sessions, ICE lessons,, prospectuses in the College's Careers Library, Career advice and drop down days where appropriate, depending on Year Groups and availability. Our intention is to prepare and equip all students to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

The school employs a Careers Service (CXK) to provide impartial and independent careers advice and guidance. We also have a Work Experience administrator to support students across Key Stages 3, 4 and 5.

Procedure

Any provider wishing to request access should contact the following member of staff:

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| Name | Paula Smith |
| Telephone | 01322 224309 |
| Email | office@dstc.kent.sch.uk |

Dartford Science and Technology College is committed to safeguarding the students in our care. At all times we ensure our students are always completely safe whilst meeting or speaking to external providers. External providers must always be with a member of staff when leading sessions involving students or when interacting with them. Any trips delivered by external providers must always be approved by the local authority.

Access to students and/or parents will be granted on the understanding information and guidance offered by providers is related to technical courses, apprenticeship opportunities and careers advice. All external providers will be expected to adhere to our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. Please also bring your DBS document and ID (Passport / driving licence) to show at reception.

Example opportunities for Access at DSTC:

The following table contains examples of opportunities for provider access at DSTC. The full offer is available on our DSTC Careers Calendar.

| | Autumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
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| Year 8 | Careers Focus: Education and Childcare | Alumni assemblies | Careers Guest Speaker |
| Year 9 | Goal setting for future careers | Alumni assemblies | Employability skills |
| Year 10 | Making an entrepreneur (virtual encounter) | 1-to-1 career interviews | Work Experience |
| Year 11 | 1-to-1 career interviews | Interview training and progression interviews | Post 16 induction: careers fair |
| Year 12 | LinkEd In training | 1-to-1 career interviews | Work Experience |
| Year 13 | UCAS and apprenticeship support | Interview training and National Apprenticeship week, Alumni assemblies | UCAS and apprenticeship support |

Resources

Once visits have been agreed, the school will provide appropriate resources to facilitate the visit, along with any equipment requested by the provider, where it is available. Sessions can be delivered in different venues according to the number of students and the requirements of the provider. Venues include a Main Hall (300 seated max capacity, with staging and projector installed), a large sports hall (350 capacity sitting on the floor), a double sized multiple purpose space and many standard sized classrooms with interactive whiteboards.

If you plan to use a projector, interactive whiteboard or PowerPoint presentation, please notify us before the visit and email us your files to office@dstc.kent.sch.uk so we can upload to the school system.

We are happy to work with providers to supply any other resources we can to make their visit possible and we are happy to accommodate those who need to bring extra equipment into the school in order to showcase what they do.

Providers are welcome to provide relevant brochures and other printed material specifically related to technical courses and apprenticeships; these will be made available to students in the Careers section of the College Library.