



Christ Church Academy
Part of the Key Educational Trust

Provider Access Policy

2023-2024

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*To be a learning community that provides excellence in education for the whole person – a place where all can flourish.
We believe that: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
[Philippians 4:13](#)*

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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to the school for the purpose 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.

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8 to 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 events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9). As we are a middle school, we only have pupils up to year 8 and liaise with the local high school to ensure that the legal requirement of 2 encounters before the end of key stage 3 is met.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school 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 pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

Meaningful provider encounters

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

Water Plus	NSCG Newcastle College	West Midlands Ambulance Service
Bentley	Staffordshire University	MPFT-Podiatry
Veolia	A P Webb Plant Hire	NHS
Little Seeds	Stone Mortgages	Police
Perkins	Alleyne's Academy	Fire Service
Colas	Croft Architects	Alex Foulkes
Caltherm	WM Services	Carse and Waterman
Omron Engineering	Fujitsu	

Destinations of our pupils

Last year, the majority of our year 8 pupils moved to Alleyne's Academy in Stone. The remaining pupils moved to JCB Academy or other local high schools in Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

- Mrs Claire Thomas - Associate Assistant Principal/Careers Lead
- Telephone: 01785 334900
- Email: c.thomas@cca.staffs.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the provider encounters required by law to year 8 pupils (marked in bold text) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. These opportunities may be offered in Y7 and in Key Stage 2, where appropriate. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers.

Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Key stage 2 (9-11 year olds)	Work place visit during RE Drop Down Day (Y5) Sustainability Drop Down Day (Veolia)	Curriculum opportunities Careers in Animal Care Drop Down Day (Y6)	Curriculum opportunities Women into Engineering Project
Year 7 (11-12 year olds)	Curriculum opportunities Enterprise event (Charity Coffee Morning)	Step into the NHS Challenge	Work Place Visit to Local Employer (Water Plus) Y7 pupils will be invited to attend the Y8 careers event from 3.30-4.30pm.
Year 8 (12-13 year olds)	Curriculum opportunities Work Place Visit to Local Employer (Water Plus)	Curriculum opportunities Alleyne's Careers Fair Work Place Visit to Local Employer National Careers Challenge 10X Challenge	Careers event – local colleges, universities, training providers and employers attending and giving 10 minute workshops. Parents/Carers invited to attend after the school day. Meeting with careers adviser from Alleyne's Work Place Visit to Local Employer STEM architecture project in DT

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school 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 Careers Leader 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 Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all pupils at lunch and break times.

Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Child Protection, Equality and Diversity, and SEND.

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 Governors at September 2023 meeting.

Next review: *September 2024*

Signed: *Mr J Heath*
Chair of Governors

Mr C Wright
Executive Principal