

George Mitchell School

Provider Access Policy/The Baker Clause

September 2024



Introduction

As specified in the January 2018 Department of Education Careers guidance and access for education and training providers paper, this policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at 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 8-11 are entitled:

- ☐ To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers and PHSE 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 including T Levels.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Ms Jackie Ainsworth (Careers Lead) by Telephone: 0208 539 6198 or by Email: Jackie.ainsworth@georgemitchellschool.co.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 including:

Annual Careers Fair - our careers fair is a great way for you to meet hundreds of interested George Mitchell students

Assembly/Tutor time (20 minute slot) and PHSE lessons (One hour slot) - these allow you to deliver presentations and speak to a large body of students in either an assembly time slot or lesson.

Employer-led Skills Seminars/Workshops - Careers seminars give you a chance to develop the careers education of George Mitchell School students by teaching them application and interview skills, or providing insights of a particular industry.

Bespoke Presentations

We are always actively looking to secure partnerships, work experience placements and talks from outside agencies to broaden our students' horizons. We believe that it is essential that all of our students have meaningful exposure to businesses and employers in order to enhance their understanding of potential career routes when leaving school.

Please speak to our Careers Leader Jackie Ainsworth Jackie.ainsworth@georgemitchellschool.co.uk to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, 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.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the school reception, which will then be given to the Careers lead. The Resource Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.

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