

## Provider Access Policy – Montgomery Academy



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### Introduction

This policy defines the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students during school hours with the purpose of supplying them with the provider's educational, training or employment offer. This follows the school's legal obligations under Section 42B 'Information about technical information: access to English Schools' of the Education Act 1997.

### Student entitlement:

All students in Years 7-11 are entitled:

- To information regarding educational qualifications, apprenticeship opportunities and RPA as part of the inclusive careers programme designed to cover each transition point during their time at Montgomery
- Chances to interact and listen to local providers about opportunities available locally and further afield
- To receive the necessary skills and support to apply for a variety of educational, vocational and employment-based work settings upon departure from Montgomery Academy.

### Management of provider access requests:

Any provider wishing to gain access to students for the purpose of delivering information on any of the above points should contact:

Liane Coultas, Lead Learning Administrator.  
Email - [careers@montgomery.fcat.org.uk](mailto:careers@montgomery.fcat.org.uk)  
Telephone - 01253 356271

### Access considerations:

To be granted access as a provider, the following things will taken into consideration:

Curriculum time

Availability of staff to support

Availability of facilities required

Appropriate content

Other departmental requirements on the same day

Currently (Covid restrictions that may continue, or be put back in place following successful completion) this will be reviewed at all points if necessary.

### Opportunities for access:

During the course of an academic year there are a number of opportunities where providers can present to students and on occasion parents/carers through a variety of access points. These include but are not exclusive to the following:

- Yr7 Assemblies/PSHE lessons/Educational visit where appropriate/Access to Independent Careers Advisor/STEM activities and competition
- Yr8 Assemblies/PSHE sessions/Taster sessions during Options process and Blackpool Pleasure Beach Annual Careers Event (contact details for organiser to be given upon request)/ Educational visit where appropriate/Alumni Events/ Access to Independent Careers Advisor/STEM activities and competition
- Yr9 Assemblies/PSHE sessions/ Taster sessions after school/ Educational visit where appropriate/ Access to Independent Careers Advisor/Work Experience where appropriate/STEM activities and competition/Army & BAE Careers Touring presentation
- Yr10 Assemblies/PSHE sessions/Taster Sessions after school/ Annual Careers Evening/Educational visit where appropriate/Mock Interviews/ Access to Independent Careers Advisor/ Lunchtime drop in sessions with local Post 16 providers/Work Experience where appropriate/STEM activities and competition
- Yr11 Assemblies/PSHE sessions/Applications morning/Taster Sessions after school/ Annual Careers Evening/Educational visit where appropriate/ Access to Independent Careers Advisor/ Lunchtime drop in sessions with local Post 16 providers/ Work Experience where appropriate/STEM activities and competition

In addition to the embedded Careers programme Montgomery Academy works with Inspira as part of an initiative to ensure all students have an extended access to employers in line with Government National Careers Strategy based on Gatsby Benchmarks. In partnership with a dedicated Enterprise Adviser – a senior volunteer from business – Montgomery has worked to ensure relationships with other local businesses to provide high impact careers and enterprise support for our students.

### **Premises & Facilities**

Montgomery Academy where possible will ensure that providers are facilitated with rooms/appropriate space for activities with the students within the school. Required equipment (i.e. White boards, laptops, microphones) will be discussed and arranged prior to the event to ensure smooth running for the provider and students.

Montgomery has a dedicated Careers room where any literature/prospectuses provided will be housed and utilised for the benefit of all students. Our Careers advisor is there to ensure that all students have the opportunity to access impartial information and the necessary skills to make a well informed & rational decision regarding any transitional periods during their schooling careers and indeed the transferrable skills to apply the knowledge once they have left Montgomery Academy.

More recently we have created the Futures Room, this room is a dedicated area for supporting student careers education. This lecture theatre has seating for 72 students, the facility to virtually meet employers and providers as well as personal presentations. This will also play a crucial part in Careers embedded in subject areas, with relevant and timely interventions from employers which link directly to studied subject areas.

### **Curriculum and Benchmark information**

The curriculum for careers is published on the school website for students/parents/employers to access throughout the year as is the Benchmark audits and most recent results.

### **Contact Information**

Contact information for the schools Careers Leader is also published on the school website to ensure they can be contacted when required either by email or telephone.

### **Calendar Information**

Recently we have added a careers calendar. This will provide information around events and any documentation needed for the event, including letters for parents, information on events and any permission forms required. It will also include any information the school receives on POST 16 open events. This is not an exhaustive list.

**This policy will be reviewed and updated annually.  
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