



St Cecilia's
R. C. High School

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Provider Access Policy Statement (Baker Clause)

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Provider Access Policy Statement

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as amended by the Skills and Post-16 Education Act

2022, the school has a statutory duty to provide pupils in Years 7–11 with access to approved providers of post-14 and post-16 education and training, including technical education and apprenticeships.

This statement sets out how St Cecilia's RC High School manages access requests from such providers.

What Are Pupils Entitled To?

Pupils in Years 7–11 are entitled to a planned programme of careers education that enables them

to:

- Learn about the full range of technical education pathways, including T Levels, vocational qualifications, and apprenticeships.
- Hear directly from a diverse range of approved providers. This may include assemblies, group sessions, careers events, parents' evenings, and taster activities.
- Understand how to access and apply for the full range of appropriate post-14 and post-16 pathways.

In alignment with the Provider Access Legislation (PAL), pupils in Years 8–11 will receive a minimum of four mandatory encounters with accredited technical education and apprenticeship

providers.

Key Phase 1 – Years 8–9

- Two mandatory encounters with approved providers.

Key Phase 2 – Years 10–11

- Two mandatory encounters with approved providers.

Opportunities for Provider Access

Throughout the academic year, the school offers a wide range of opportunities within our careers

programme for providers to access pupils and/or their parents. Opportunities include:

- Careers fairs and employer engagement events
- Assemblies and themed careers inputs
- Small-group or class-based provider talks
- Drop-in sessions
- Parents' evenings
- Curriculum-linked encounters

All encounters are scheduled during the school's normal operating hours.

Previous Providers

The school has previously welcomed a wide range of post-16 providers.

How to Request Access

Providers wishing to request access should contact:

Mr G Hall — Careers Leader

Granting and Refusing Requests

Access Requests Will Be Granted Where:

- The provider meets safeguarding requirements.
- The request has a clear and relevant purpose that supports pupils' awareness of pathways.

Requests May Be Refused Where:

- Safeguarding requirements are not met.
- The session does not align with the school's careers programme.

Complaints

Complaints related to provider access should be made in line with the school's Complaints Procedures Policy.

Approval and Review

This policy statement is approved by the governing board and reviewed annually