

Three Counties Academy Trust



Provider Access Policy Statement #A6(A)

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Statement of intent

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 Three Counties Academy Trust has a duty to provide pupils in Years 8-11 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers for access to pupils within our secondary provision.

What are pupils entitled to?

Pupils must be allowed to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs pupils of the full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities on offer, for example, technical education and apprenticeships – this can be achieved through options evenings, assemblies, group discussions, and taster events
- Understand how to apply to the full range of academic and technical courses available to them

Who handles our access requests?

Any provider wishing to request access should contact our Safeguarding and Inclusion Executive Leader, Mrs K Lane, on 01885 482230 or via email on klane@tcat.school.

What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?

Via our school careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the school year to speak to pupils and/or their parents. Our annual schedule of events is as follows:

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly opportunities• Careers Evening and Open Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly opportunities
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly opportunities• Options Evening• Careers Evening and Open Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly opportunities
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly opportunities• Careers Evening and Open Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly opportunities• Work Experience Programme
Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly opportunities• College Liaison Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly opportunities• College Liaison Teams• Careers Evening and Open Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assembly opportunities

Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

In the first instance, providers can speak to our Safeguarding and Inclusion Executive Leader, Mrs K Lane, on 01885 482230 or via email on klane@tcat.school, to discuss possible attendance at relevant events. Following an initial discussion, Mrs Lane may forward requests to a team member to action.

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy sets out the Trust approach to allowing providers into our schools to speak to our pupils.

What can providers expect once a request has been accepted?

Once we have approved a provider, we will work with them to identify the best method for providing access to our pupils.

We will make the school hall, classrooms, and private meeting rooms available to host discussions between providers and pupils. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors and televisions, available to providers.

Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our Safeguarding and Inclusion Executive Leader and a nominated member of the provider's team.

Can providers leave prospectuses for pupils to read?

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with the Careers Adviser in the Careers Room.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed by the Trust Board on an annual basis. This policy statement will be made available on the Trust and secondary school website.

The next scheduled review date for this policy is 31st August 2023.

Signed by:

_____	Executive Headteacher	Date: _____
_____	Chair of Trustees	Date: _____