



# St. John Fisher

CATHOLIC COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

## **Provider Access Policy**

### The Mission Statement:

**'St. John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School inspires students, spiritually and educationally, forming them through Faith so they can achieve their aspirations and contribute to their community.'**

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**Owner: Mr F Oniasanmi**

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## Introduction

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 7-13 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 year 8 to 9 pupils and two encounters for year 10 to 11 pupils. For pupils in year 12 to 13, particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

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.

## Management of provider access requests

Procedure: A provider wishing to request access should contact Mr D O'Halloran, Careers Leader, Telephone: 01634 543123; Email: [f.oniasanmi@stjohnfisher.school](mailto:f.oniasanmi@stjohnfisher.school)

Providers will be subject to internal vetting and compliance checks against the schools safeguarding policy [section 19] which is available to view on the school website.

### **Opportunities for access**

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

<b><u>Year Group</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assemblies.</li> <li>▪ Parents evening.</li> <li>▪ Workshops.</li> </ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assemblies.</li> <li>▪ KS4 options evening.</li> <li>▪ Parents evening.</li> <li>▪ Workshops.</li> </ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assemblies.</li> <li>▪ Parents evening.</li> <li>▪ Workshops.</li> </ul>
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assemblies.</li> <li>▪ Parents evening.</li> <li>▪ Workshops.</li> <li>▪ Careers events.</li> </ul>
Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assemblies.</li> <li>▪ Parents evening.</li> <li>▪ Workshops.</li> <li>▪ HE and apprenticeship events.</li> </ul>
Year 12/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assemblies.</li> <li>▪ Parents evening.</li> <li>▪ Workshops.</li> <li>▪ HE and apprenticeship events.</li> </ul>

### **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.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Leader who will distribute them to the appropriate place library/6<sup>th</sup> form private study/PCL office/Tutor rooms. These locations are available to all students at various times throughout the school day.

**Approval and review**

Approved: 30.1.23 by Governors at the Catholic Mission and Ethos Committee

Next review: Jan 2025

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair of Governors

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Head teacher