

St Patrick's Catholic College: Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purposes 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.

Student entitlement

Students in years 8-11 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 evenings, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mr James Davenport, Assistant headteacher

Telephone:01642 613327 Email: jdavenport@stpatricksgc.org

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 and students will also be offered off site opportunities.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	NHS careers event held at Inspiretolearn.	Y7 parents evening	
Year 8	NHS careers event held at Inspiretolearn. Y8 Parents evening	Y8 aspirational event at InspiretoLearn – workshop based activity Y8 Options evening	

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 9	Y9 Parents evening	Y9 aspirational event at InspiretoLearn – workshop based activity	Enterprise programme – Decision making session MAD day at Newcastle University
Year 10	Y10 Parents evening Education partners – Building my skills sessions	Medical Challenge day at Middlesbrough college ACE on Campus event at Newcastle University Education partners – Building my skills sessions	Education partners – Building my skills sessions
Year 11	Y11 Parents evening Bring it on Engineering event at Stadium of Light	Y11 Parents evening Medical Challenge day at Middlesbrough college	

Please speak to our named Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you or to discuss potential site visits.

The school policy on safeguarding, found on the school website, sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

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 Careers Resource Centre.

Approval and review

Approved 12th Dec 2017 by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee

Next review: Dec 2018

Signed: Mr Kevin Duffy (Chair of Directors)

Mrs Humble (Head teacher)