



St Joseph's Catholic High School: Provider Access Policy.

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to 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 to 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 pupils during the 'first key phase' (Years 7 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (Years 10 to 11). For pupils in the 'third key phase' (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

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the Making it meaningful checklist. [Making it Meaningful: Benchmark 7 | CEC Resource Directory \(careersandenterprise.co.uk\)](#)

Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that can provide live online engagement with our pupils.



Destinations of our pupils

Last year our Year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- 146 Pupils (62% St Joseph's 6th Form) (38% Other Schools or Colleges in UK/Abroad)

Last year our Year 13 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- 98 Pupils (79% University) (6% Apprenticeships)

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Rob Dann, Email: r.dann@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk Phone 01753 524713

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.

Please see the table below for the events we have scheduled in the coming academic year and through which you might be able to provide encounters to our school.

Please speak to our Careers Leader, named above, to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Year Group	Autumn Term 2025	Spring Term 2026	Summer Term 2026
7			SEGRO Work Shop
8		Harrison's Caterers Apprentice Talk	
9		Harrison's Caterers Apprenticeship Talk Activate Learning Apprenticeship Talk	
10	Careers Fair 2025/26	Richard Porter BBC Journalism	
11	Careers Fair 2025/26	Richard Porter BBC Journalism	
12	Careers Fair 2025/26	Richard Porter BBC Journalism	
13	Careers Fair 2025/26	Richard Porter BBC Journalism	Activate Learning Apprenticeship Talk



Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, 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 on in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader or a member of their team.

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Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all pupils at lunch and break times.

Complaints

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

Approval and review

Approved on 28/04/2026 by Governors

Next review: July 2027

SIGNED: Headteacher _____

SIGNED Chair of Governors _____