



St. Edward's Church of England Academy

PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

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Statutory Policy

The Vision for Education at our Academy

Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life and have it in all its fullness."

John 10:10

Our school vision is to ensure that God's aspiration for us all, as expressed in Jesus's words from John 10:10, is reflected in our aspiration for all of our children and staff to experience a full and rich life of learning, growing, helping, and caring for each other.

We are an inclusive community where all are welcomed, supported and celebrated for all they are and for all they do. Our Academy is a place of, and a space for, flourishing and fulfilment because here...

...we are 10:10 people.

As a Christian Academy, we live and breathe our core values:

- Respect
- Courage
- Hope
- Friendship

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

***"Be strong and courageous.
Do not
be afraid; do not be
discouraged for
the Lord your God will be with
you wherever you go."***

Deuteronomy 31:6



***"I no longer call you
Followers. Instead I call
you friends."***

John 15:15

"Show proper respect to everyone"

1 Peter 2:17

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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 8 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' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 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.

Please note that as St Edward's Academy is a middle deemed secondary school, our pupils are Year 5 – Year 8.

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](#).

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

Previous providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- HSBC, RAF, Westwood College, Staffordshire University, F Ball, NSCG and Leek United Building Society.

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 8 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- 95% of pupils went to Westwood College, Leek
- 3% of pupils went to JCB Academy, Rocester
- 2% of pupils went to Leek High

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact *Rebecca Rose, Wider Curriculum Leader* via email at office@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk or by calling 01538 714740.

Opportunities for access

The school offers the one provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text) 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 or their parents or carers. Please speak to our Wider Curriculum Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	• School trip incorporates workplace encounter • Employer Encounter	• Enterprise Day • Event for apprenticeships • Careers Fair at local feeder school	• Event for University • Event for Technical qualifications • Event for post 14 options • Employer Encounter

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 in advance of the visit with the Wider Curriculum 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 Wider Curriculum Leader.

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

Next review: May 2027

Signed: Signed:

Cynthia Simmonds - Chair of Trustees

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