

St Bartholomew's School

Careers Provider Access Policy

Reviewed by the Governors' Education Committee, Spring 2023

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To be reviewed Spring 2025

INTRODUCTION

St Bartholomew's School acknowledges the right of providers of Post-14, Post-16 and Post-18 Education and Training to gain access to students at the school in order to inform them of the opportunities available. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997. This is vital to ensure that all pupils are aware of the 9 benefits of apprenticeships, T Levels, HTQs and other approved technical education qualifications and can consider them, alongside academic options, when making decisions about their next steps.

STUDENT ENTITLEMENT

Students in years 8-13 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 evenings, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Opportunities for access:

The school encourages providers to arrange access events at the school. A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents. The provider can speak to the Careers Lead or the appropriate member of the Leadership Team about suitable events taking place and also arrange ad hoc visits, e.g. assemblies.

Providers should speak to the Careers Lead or the appropriate member of the Leadership Team to identify the most suitable opportunities.

A request may be refused if deemed not in the best interests of our students. In such a case a justified reason will be provided and access for a provider shall not be unreasonably refused.

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

Premises and facilities:

The school will make the Hall, classrooms or alternative appropriate spaces available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make

available audio visual and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Lead or the appropriate member of the Leadership Team.

EVALUATION

Annually via the Leadership Team in consultation with the Careers Lead and reviewed by the Governors' Education Committee as part of the annual report on Careers.

Agreed by the Full Governing Body on 23rd March, 2023